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Talks forge new entente cordiale

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

PRESIDENT CHIRAC and John Major sealed a new *entente cordiale* yesterday with a sweeping range of Anglo-French initiatives and a virtual declaration that "any enemy of yours is an enemy of mine".

The Prime Minister gave his most unequivocal backing yet for the French nuclear testing programme, while the president — referring to his host as "*Mon cher John*" — noted the "sea change" in British and French relations.

The two leaders ended a day of intensive political talks with promises of defence, naval and nuclear co-operation. They also all but announced that the former Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers was their choice as the next Secretary-General of Nato.

M Chirac, basking in Mr Major's warm words, welcomed the "sea-change" in relations. "There is no trace of aggressiveness or ill-humour," he said. "It is quite natural to talk about everything frankly — both the issues that bring us together and those where we are still divided."

M Chirac, who had to brave the jeers of anti-nuclear demonstrators in Whitehall as well as at Chequers on Sunday, was referring, in part, to the outspoken British support for French nuclear testing. Mr Major insisted that M Chirac had acted on scientific advice. It was therefore impossible for him not to go ahead if France was to keep its nuclear weapons in good order. "Frankly, he had no choice, and on that basis I have offered the President my support for his actions."

Even on Europe, where divergence is sharpest, Mr Major made clear that he had sought, and found, a strategic alliance with Paris on a platform that both men will present to next year's intergovernmental conference. He noted that both countries agreed on the relative powers of the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament, and that both wanted a bigger say for their national parliaments.

M Chirac explained at length why France was determined to meet the criteria for economic and monetary union on January 1, 1999. But he went out of his way to express understanding of Britain's caution. The two countries were not identical and he believed that Britain, whose economy was well-run and well-managed, would make a decision in its own interests.

The two leaders, who inaugurated the command centre at RAF High Wycombe for the new Franco-British Euro Air group yesterday morning, also outlined a defence partnership that was already bringing their armed forces closer together than at any time since the Second World War.

Military equipment would increasingly be developed in tandem; a study was being made of a joint military satellite communications system; and in nuclear co-operation, the two countries proposed to converge policies and doctrine. "We do not see situations arising in which the vital interests of either France or the United Kingdom could be threatened without the vital interests of the other country also being threatened," they declared.

Mr Major trumpeted the role of their two countries in saving hundreds of thousands of lives in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Without British and French forces — the largest and earliest on the scene — many hundreds of thousands would now be dead, he said, and the Balkan war would have spread.

Without explicitly announcing his appointment, both leaders made it clear that Ruud Lubbers was their top candidate to succeed Willy Claes at Nato, and as such was likely to be confirmed shortly. Mr Major said that several British names had been considered. He added: "Dr Lubbers is not yet a formal candidate. Were he to be, he would receive Britain's strong support." M Chirac noted: "There again, we share the same views."

Yesterday's unusually productive summit was the two leaders' seventh meeting in six months, and Mr Major made much of their common world interests as he heralded a "global partnership". Emphasising their similar outlook on many issues, they agreed a crackdown on Islamic terrorists and a joint effort to keep the peace and promote development in Africa.

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Rosemary West was often in tears as, for the first time, she entered the witness box to give evidence in her defence

Sobbing West tells of her life

BY BILL FROST AND RICHARD DUCE

OFTEN crying and sobbing, Rosemary West took centre stage at Winchester Crown Court yesterday to tell how she had been raped twice as a teenager, cut adrift by the mother she loved and duped into marrying an "evil" multiple killer.

She told the court that her late husband, Frederick West, had not allowed members of his family to enter the cellar at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, where most of the bodies of several of her alleged victims were found. Eventually, after a period of years, he improved the cellar, she said.

When asked about the basement, she said: "It was a mess. To me, it looked like a cold, wet, damp cave. It was dark and gloomy and wet."

She told the jury that the cellar stayed in that condition "for quite a while because down our side of Cromwell Street the basements used to flood with water, something to do with the storm drains".

Just before midday, Mrs West, 42, had been called from the dock to the witness box by Richard Ferguson, QC, her counsel. Escorted by two stony-faced female prison officers, she walked swiftly across the court without a glance to right or left. She swallowed hard and nervously before taking the oath and then asked if she could sit while giving evidence. This was a moment of high drama.

And yet the woman at the centre of media and public attention looked the very model of anonymity. In normal circumstances she would not even attract a first glance. Stout and bespectacled, Mrs West had once again chosen her favourite loose black jacket, a white blouse, and green dress worn with silver filigree ear rings.

Her voice was tremulous at first and within minutes she had begun dabbing at her eyes with a tissue. She wept in earnest when she was asked if she had told her parents how she had been raped at 15 by a man who dragged her from a bus stop in Cheltenham.

Mrs West is charged with murdering ten young women and girls, including her own daughter Heather. She denies all the charges.

Before calling his client to the witness box, Mr Ferguson had told the jury how Frederick West had put her under his spell. Peering sternly at them over his half-moon spectacles, he said: "He abused her as he abused everyone else in his evil life. It is because of him that she is before this court."

As his preamble gathered pace, Mrs West stared fixedly into the middle distance. She listened impassively as he said that there was no link between her lesbianism and allegations of murder. Neither were claims of sex with lodgers at 25 Cromwell Street, and the possession of assorted sex aids relevant evidence to be deployed by the Crown.

The house was not "your typical suburban home with 2.4 children", he said, to some nervous laughter in court. "It was a refuge for the flotsam and jetsam of modern life."

Mrs West described how she had fallen under the spell of a man 12 years her senior. "He promised me the world, he promised me everything. Because I was so young, I fell for his lies. He promised to love and care for me, and I fell for it."

Mrs West told, too, how her husband had instructed her to "go with other men". She added: "He said he would welcome it."

The trial continues today.

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How it could be you, even without a ticket

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

INDIVIDUALS will be able to apply for National Lottery grants under a £100 million initiative to help people to study, travel and improve their community, Virginia Bottomley announced last night.

Up to £6 million a year in grants, to be known as Millennium Awards, will be available to members of the public from next summer. The minimum grant will be £2,000.

The Heritage Secretary unveiled the new scheme as the Millennium Commission announced another £84.6 million of capital grants to 206 projects, including £50 million to enable the Tate to build a gallery of modern art in south London. That grant means that London has now received nearly 30 per cent of all the money shared out by the lottery distribution bodies.

Announcing the new grants for individuals, Mrs Bottomley said she wanted lottery money to be invested in human infrastructure, not just in bricks and mortar. "We want to use Millennium Awards to develop the leaders of the next generation and to empower young people. The awards will help talent flourish," she said.

Retired people would also benefit from the scheme, she added, saying: "Many people have the time and energies to devote to new challenges in their retirement years."

The idea was welcomed last night by Sandie Barr of Age Resource, a charity to help the over 55s. There was a huge pent-up demand for schemes to enable older people to learn new skills, she said. "We recently had a lady in her seventies who learnt belly dancing. She is now a belly dancing teacher."

Jim Murphy, president of

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Scholarships seal the new rapport

AN Anglo-French student exchange similar to the Rhodes Scholarships at Oxford was agreed by John Major and Jacques Chirac yesterday (Ben Macintyre writes from Paris).

The Entente Cordiale Scholarships will enable postgraduate students or young professionals from Britain and France to spend a year studying on the other side of the Channel. It will begin a year from now, with 40 students from each country. In later years the scheme, funded entirely by the private sector, is expected to expand to a total of 200 scholarships worth approximately £10,000 each.

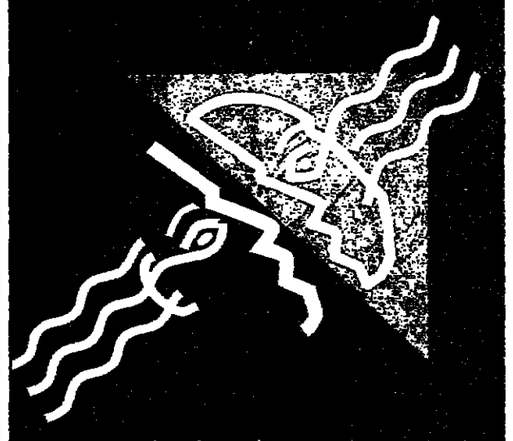
"Young people in our two countries represent our shared future. The more they can learn about their near neighbour as they advance their education, the more they can contribute to the enlightened partnership and growing opportunities which we are now developing in an enlarged Europe," the British and French leaders said in a joint statement.

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead has agreed to act as chairman of the "Entente Cordiale" charitable trust in Britain, while former French government minister Simone Veil will fulfil the same role in France.

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Princess will visit Argentina

The Princess of Wales is to visit Argentina at the end of November, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday.

The four-day visit marks a further warming of relations between Britain and Argentina more than 13 years after the Falklands War. Last week John Major and Argentine President Carlos Menem met at the United Nations.

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North Koreans hand back remains of British soldier

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE remains of a British soldier listed as missing in action in the Korean War were handed over yesterday by North Korean authorities in a bizarre ceremony at the military demarcation line at Panmunjom.

It was the first time since the war ended in 1953 that North Korea had returned the remains of one of the 50 or so British Servicemen still officially missing, presumed dead.

The North Koreans have not divulged where they found the bones, which will be sent to an American laboratory in Hawaii for the identity to be confirmed. It is believed they may have included an identity tag, but the Ministry of Defence said further tests were needed to ensure that the name on it was correct. General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley, the official historian of the Korean War, said 1,078 British soldiers out of the 65,000 who served during the three-year war were killed, of whom about 50 were listed as missing in action, presumed dead.

A spokesman for the MoD said those listed as missing in action included servicemen who were presumed to have died as prisoners of war.

Sir Anthony said: "We know pretty well where most of the dead are, although there were a few, like naval pilots, who were blown to smithereens. A number died on the way to prison camps and were buried at the side of the road."

The majority of the British dead were buried at the war cemetery at Pusan in South Korea. Since the war, the British Government has regularly asked the North Koreans to hand back the remains of soldiers who died north of the 38th parallel.

At yesterday's ceremony, the North Koreans took a red casket to within a few yards of the border.

Four members of a five-man United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission, headed by US Colonel Ashton Ormes, the secretary, and Brigadier Colin Parr, the British military attache in Seoul, stood with their toes at the thin strip of raised concrete that serves as the military demarcation line. They were invited across and examined the remains in silence, before picking up the casket.

Short apologises after seeing Blair

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A CHASTENED Clare Short, the Shadow Transport Secretary, apologised last night for the trouble she had caused Tony Blair by calling for the legalisation of cannabis.

Elected to the Shadow Cabinet for the first time less than two weeks ago, Ms Short spoke after a 30-minute dressing-down by the Labour leader. Although she and Mr Blair are friends, he was irritated that her remarks had damaged Labour's launch of a campaign against the Tories' claimed lurch to the right and made clear that she must never again speak out of line.

Within minutes Ms Short issued an agreed statement regretting what she had said in her interview with Sir David Frost on Sunday. "I should not have responded to Sir David in the way I did," she said. "I was explaining why I supported an early day motion on this issue many years ago, but I should have realised how it would have been used against me and the party.

"That was the view [on drugs] I held then, but the party has looked at the issue very seriously. It has a clear position against the legalisation of soft drugs and I am perfectly happy with it ..." She is, she adds, also happy to abide by "collective responsibility".

The Tories continued to exploit her words yesterday but Labour counter-attacked, saying that some Tories also favour legalising soft drugs.

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Never mind the quantity, feel the budget savings

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

IN PREPARATION for next month's Budget, William Waldegrave, the Treasury's axeman, is chopping away behind the scenes at departmental spending budgets. He may be making progress. Challenged on the size of their own budgets, minister after minister seems anxious to assure the House that size isn't important.

At Education questions recently, Junior Minister Eric Forth nodded gratefully when Neil Hamilton (C, Tatton) comforted him with the news that "size is not everything, and what is *done* with an education budget can be just as important". Indeed, said Forth: "None of us is *sizeist*." There was, he said "no proven correlation between the amount spent per pupil and the educational outcomes achieved". Even hard-liners had not realised the Department of Education now questioned whether there was any connection at all between money and schools. Presumably Waldegrave will now be insisting that Mrs Shephard's budget is cut to zero.

Yesterday we learnt that the overseas aid budget looks like falling victim to the same reasoning. Rather dolefully the minister, Jeremy Hanley, intoned a phrase we can now expect to hear often from him after the Budget: "It's not just the *value* of development aid," he said, "but the *quality*."

We may guess the direction of Tory aid policy: towards a happy day when the offering is almost too small to see, but of absolutely splendid quality. Speaking of which, Alan Duncan (C, Rutland & Melton, 5ft 5½in) looked in to inquire earnestly of William Hague, the new Secretary of State for Wales, about the prospects for Korean investment in the principality.

Hague and Duncan were at Oxford together; both, in their time, presidents of the Union. Mr Duncan has become assistant shin-kicker to the Tory Strangler (in polite language, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Chairman of the Conservative Party) while Mr Hague has become (at 34) one of the youngest Cabinet ministers in history.

To watch the pair, nodding and bowing to each other in a pre-scripted minuet concerning Korean investment in Wales, a subject in which we doubt that either has ever felt a scintilla of interest, was to wonder whether either had the least idea, in those balmy undergraduate days back at Oxford, that it would come to this.

Still, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman enjoyed the exchange. At 71 the dame is old enough to be the Secretary of State's grandmother, though she boasts a better head of hair. She nodded as Hague spoke, like an elderly aunt approving a small nephew's efforts at piano recital. When he sat down she shook her mane. "Yes!" she declared. "Game, set and match!" Shortly after, she left. Mercifully, she did not kiss him. Hague now knows he has the Kellett-Bowman seal of approval.

And he is doing well. Teasing his professionally gloomy Labour shadow, Ron Davies, for his absence from Welsh Questions before the summer (Opposition MPs boycotted the session in protest against Hague's appointment) Hague said that, without Ron, it had been "Hamlet without one of the gravediggers".

Junior minister Rod Richards chided Davies for his absence, too. Was he new Labour, old Labour or absent Labour, he mused. "New Ron, old Ron, no Ron ..." If Richards had broken into "da-do-ron-ron" and Hague and Duncan had resumed their minuet celebrating Korean investment in Wales, our sense of the surreal would have been complete.

Warmest 12 months since 1659 forecast

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE year to the end of this month is set to be the warmest 12 months since records began in 1659, the Meteorological Office said last night.

The previous warmest 12-month period was from May 1, 1989, to April 30, 1990, when average temperatures were 10.8C. Over the year from November 1, 1994, to today, average temperatures were 11.2C.

This month is likely to be the warmest October since 1969, with average temperatures of 13C.

Temperatures yesterday were above average for the time of year at between 14 and 15C. October is likely to be the fifth sunniest on record and the sunniest since 1971. The average amount of sunshine has been four hours a day. The sunniest October was in 1959, with 4.4 hours. It will also be the driest October since 1985.

A Met Office spokesman emphasised that figures remained provisional until data are fully compiled.

Predictions for the regions include that Northern Ireland is likely to have its sixth warmest October on record and warmest since 1969 and Cardiff Airport its warmest since records began.

The Water Services Association said plenty of rain was needed to fill the reservoirs, especially in Yorkshire, where the authority announced yesterday that it is re-applying for permission to introduce rota cuts in supply. Yorkshire Water said that despite some recent rainfall reservoir levels in Calderdale and Kirklees are critically low. It claimed that unless cuts in supply were introduced, the area would simply run out of water.

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MoD tots up £3.6m bill for staff fraud

BY JAMES LANDALE
POLITICAL REPORTER

MILLIONS of pounds have been stolen from the Ministry of Defence by its civil servants and contractors during the past few years, according to government figures published yesterday.

More than £3.6 million has been stolen from the ministry in the past four years. So far, only about £500,000 has been recovered.

In general cases in the past 12 months that do not relate to procurement, MoD civil servants stole almost £1.1 million, up from £63,000 between 1991 and 1992. The number of fraud cases rose from 45 to 207 in the same period.

Between 1993 and 1994, MoD employees and contractors stole more than £1.5 million in reported cases relating to the procurement of equipment. This compares with £150,000 four years ago.

Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrat MP for Gordon, who obtained the information in a written Commons question, said: "These figures confirm the MoD's status as the most wasteful ministry in Whitehall. Fraud cases in the ministry are up by 300 per cent in two years and the ammount misappropriated is up by some 1,700 per cent in three years.

"I shall as a matter of urgency be tabling further questions to discover what action is being taken to stop this fraud explosion," he said.

MoD officials said last night that the matter was being taken very seriously. "Most MoD employees stick to the law," a spokeswoman said. "You are always going to get one or two who don't."

She added that there were mechanisms in place to encourage employees to inform their superiors if they become aware of any cases of fraud.



Professor Hunt: bonus for next year to be reduced

Forecast forfeit for Met Office head

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE head of the Meteorological Office is to have his performance-related pay cut after admitting that the department incorrectly calculated figures measuring its forecasting efficiency.

Professor Julian Hunt, chief executive of the Meteorological Office, conceded last night that statistics on forecasting efficiency, customer satisfaction and commercial income were wrong.

He was told that his bonus for next year will be reduced because of last year's inaccuracies. The Met Office was criticised heavily during the summer for keeping inaccurate records of some of its targets and Professor Hunt admitted that incorrect figures had been prepared. Professor Hunt, who earns £84,000 a year, receives a 15 per cent performance-related bonus, 6 per cent of it based on meeting specific targets. He received an £8,000 bonus last year but some of the extra money was based on figures which have since been shown to be incorrect.

The Met Office claimed in its annual report that it had achieved a 75 per cent customer satisfaction rating but a report by the National Audit Office (NAO), the independent spending watchdog, showed that the success rate was only 40 per cent. The Met Office figures had been calculated on different bases from the targets, the NAO said.

Prime Minister's timetable upset

Disputes hamper Cabinet quest for spending deal

BY JILL SHERMAN AND NICHOLAS WOOD

HOPES of a Cabinet deal over public spending this week were fading fast last night after ministers became trapped in new disputes over education and social security.

John Major had wanted to settle next year's Whitehall budgets by Thursday's Cabinet meeting, in good time for his departure the following Tuesday for a six-day trip to the Commonwealth conference in New Zealand. However, after a marathon session last night of EDX, the Cabinet committee in charge of spending, the Prime Minister's timetable for resolving the fiercest spending round in years was in severe jeopardy.

Another EDX meeting is being held today and an emergency Cabinet is possible on Monday.

A bid by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, for an extra £800 million for schools is proving the biggest obstacle to a settlement. Because schools are funded through local authorities, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is seeking assurances from Mrs Shephard that additional money will find its way into classrooms and not be frittered away by politically hostile town halls.

The Chancellor has raised the possibility of "ring-fencing" the schools element of this year's local authority settlement as a way of forcing councils to spend the extra money on schools and of ensuring that the Conservatives reap a political dividend from higher spending.

However the proposal is fraught with technical difficulties and could require politically hazardous legislation. As a fall back option ministers are also considering a country-wide propaganda campaign to bring home to parents that any shortfalls in school budgets are the fault of town halls.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, was also at loggerheads last night with the Treasury over cuts in three separate welfare payments for single mothers. Mr Lilley was said to be furious that William Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, was still demanding more savings from his £85 billion social security budget.

Mr Lilley has agreed to freeze Lone Parent Premium, a £5.20 a week payment which goes to about one million single mothers on benefit at a cost of £250m a year. However this would produce only minimal savings in the short term and the Treasury is demanding that the payment should be abolished, or cut. They are also proposing cutbacks in extra help given to lone parents to cover council tax costs.



Waldegrave: spending row with Peter Lilley

The special £11.50 a week lone parent council tax premium goes to 900,000 single mothers at a cost of about £500m a year. Moves to cut, abolish or change either of these two benefits could be done without primary legislation, which makes them the frontrunners.

However ministers may go further and propose the abolition of One Parent Benefit, a £6.30 weekly payment that goes to all single mothers, irrespective of income, which would require a change in the law. Mr Waldegrave warned senior backbenchers last week that he expected their support for any controversial changes.

Mr Lilley is holding out against any moves to reduce benefit payments in real terms for existing claimants, and is said to be adamant that he will not give way. He was said to be extremely angry that the Treasury had ignored his arguments and repeated demands they made at the start of spending negotiations.

The Treasury is also trying to cut back the £14 billion spent by the Scottish Office and the £6 billion by the Welsh Office.

Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary is said to be fighting proposals to prevent local councils spending their receipts from council house sales. The move would save £250 million a year, but would be strongly opposed by Labour-led authorities.

Individual lottery grants

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the National Union of Students, said he would seek a meeting with the Millennium Commission to discuss how the grants could be awarded and administered. "We would be very concerned if this money were used to replace government funding for students. But if it were an additional source of money then there are plenty who need it," he said.

Ted Nield of the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Presidents said more funding was needed for university learning — especially for mature and part-time students who were entirely self-supporting. But Jennifer Page, the Millennium Commission's chief executive, said she was determined that the awards should be different from traditional academic bursaries or fellowships: "We are anxious to make this scheme something that anyone can have a go at."

Ms Page acknowledged that it would be virtually impossible for a single organisation to administer the Millennium Awards on its own. "With up to £9 million a year and minimum grants of £2,000 there could be thousands and thousands of grants every year," she said. The commission hopes that voluntary organisations will be able to administer the awards to people in specific fields.

The commission's grant to the Tate was one of 206 announced yesterday, including £11 million for the Rochdale Canal, £7.4 million to create a multi-media archive for Scottish schools, colleges and libraries, £6.5 million to plant 200 community woods in England and Wales, £4.2 million for woodland in the Black Country, and £3.7 milion for an Orkney Island community centre.

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Iraqi arms case sees secret papers

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

SECRET Whitehall and security service documents were disclosed in the Appeal Court yesterday to support allegations that the Government had turned a blind eye to arms exports to Iraq in breach of its own guidelines.

As a result, four businessmen had been wrongly convicted of breaking export controls, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, was told. Evidence was produced that one of the four, Paul Grecian, had been working for the security services as an informer on Iraqi arms procurement. The four businessmen, formerly of Ordtec, a Reading-based arms firm, are appealing against their conviction in 1992 for selling 300,000 artillery fuses to Iraq on export licences which listed Jordan as the end-user. Mr Grecian, Bryan Mason and Paul Blackledge, received suspended jail sentences. Colin Phillips, was fined.

The court was read extracts from Foreign Office telegrams, security service records and Ministry of Defence private memoranda. Among the most embarrassing for the Government is a telegram from the British Embassy in Jordan to the Foreign Office on May 28, 1990, about Mr Hurd's trip to discuss Jordan's role as a front for Iraqi arms procurement with King Husain.

The telegram said: "Have we not turned a blind eye to Jordan's involvement in the past? The Ambassador thinks this is the case."

Geoffrey Robertson, QC, for Mr Grecian, said that his client had risked his life to provide information to the Government on Iraqi arms procurement, including providing the first intimation of the "Supergun" project.

Quoting from MI5, MI6 and Special Branch documents, Mr Robertson said that Mr Grecian had provided information via his "handler", Steve Wilkinson, a Special Branch officer. Mr Robertson said that the security services were fully aware of how Mr Grecian was getting his information. "He was encouraged to continue his involvement with supplying fuses because that was the access to information about the 'Supergun'."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Patients prepared for battery hearts

Two more patients are expected to have permanent battery-powered hearts implanted in their chests within the next two months, doctors said yesterday.

The operations will be carried out at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, and the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, probably before Christmas.

Abel Goodman, 64, who received one of the new devices last week at the John Radcliffe, was making good progress yesterday, a week after his operation. "He is eating and drinking normally and chatting happily," a hospital spokesman said. "He is not out of the woods yet but he is making excellent progress and may leave hospital within a fortnight."

Firework alert

Safety experts have ordered shopkeepers to stop selling a second brand of dangerous Chinese fireworks which could ignite spontaneously. Called "Thunderstorm", they are believed to have a dangerous mix of chemicals which could explode if exposed to flames or heat. A warning has also been given on "Red Lion" fireworks.

Campus toll

Student suicides have increased fourfold in ten years, new figures show. Ten students in every 100,000 took their lives in 1993-94, compared with 2.4 a decade earlier, said Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman. Students seeking help for stress were more worried about money than academic problems.

Medicine advice

Patients are to be given far more information about the drugs they are prescribed under a scheme announced by the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry. From the start of next year, patients will be able to get information on safety, side-effects and the scientific studies used to get approval for the medicine.

Letter of the law

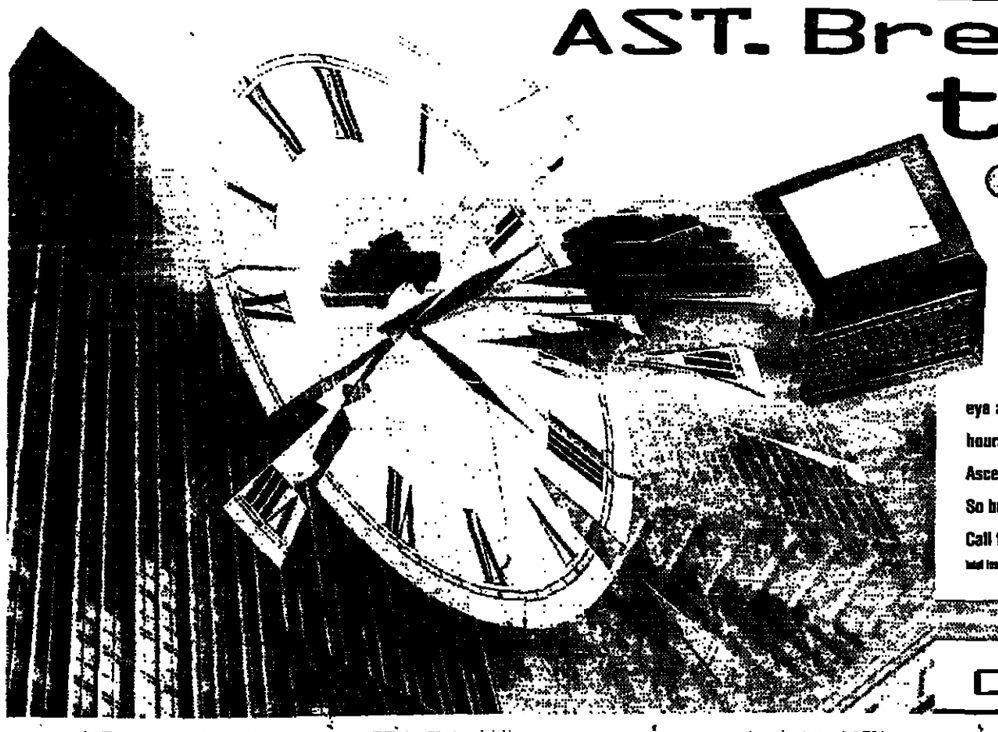
A "polite" sex attacker who sent a letter of apology to his victim after stalking, assaulting and robbing her was jailed for three years at the Old Bailey. Vincent Aroloye, 28, from Beckton, east London, was caught after the woman handed the typed anonymous note to police. Tests revealed imprints of his name and university.

Trusted helpers

Ancient breeds of ponies, sheep, cattle and goats are being used by the National Trust to save beauty spots from scrub, weeds and bushes, after tests at more than 60 sites across Britain showed their hardy build and diets were ideal for clearing rough terrain, at a fraction of the cost of men and machines.

Times Scrabble

The launch of our Scrabble scratchcard game yesterday created such interest that many readers were unable to get through on our claims lines. The claims deadline has therefore been extended and readers wishing to claim for yesterday's Game A can do so up to 1pm today. For details of today's game, see page 12.



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'We can go on relieving poverty and sickness'

Salvation Army beats $8 million fraud gang

By Robert Miller

THE Salvation Army has recovered every penny of the $8.8 million (£5.6 million) that it lost to a sophisticated international swindle, together with $4.9 million interest.

After a two-and-half-year search involving 13 countries and up to 60 lawyers from Slaughter and May, the army's solicitors, the organisation was able to announce the recovery yesterday which includes the initial loss as well as interest and recovery costs.

Paul Rader, General of the Salvation Army, said: "The army has learnt some hard but valuable lessons and during the recovery process we have instituted a number of organisational changes. We can now put this matter behind us and continue with our mission to relieve poverty and sickness."

The army, which started its legal action to recover missing funds in February 1993, had been duped into handing over its money to invest in standby letters of credit and prime bank notes, which the fraudsters said could be bought at a discount and sold at a guaranteed profit. No such investment instruments exist. The scam is often known as a "ponzi" or pyramid investment scheme.

Shortly after the army transferred $10 million to the Antwerp branch of ASLK-CGER Bank it is alleged that Stuart Christopher Ford, a Birmingham loan broker who ran Tilen Securities, and Gamil Mounir Naguib, an Egyptian-born Canadian who claimed to represent the bogus Islamic Pan American Bank from Argentina, transferred $8.8 million to a bank in Luxembourg. The army's fundraiser, Colonel Grenville Burn, who with Mr Ford transferred the money to Luxembourg, was dismissed from his post in 1993, although he had been duped rather than being a participant in any fraudulent activity.



Rader has carried out organisational changes

During a 12-week period the army's millions were lost. One of the first assets to be traced was the Castle Inn, a highland pub in Dornie, which was bought for £225,000 by Lawrence Gillick, a Scottish businessman.

Just over $3 million was returned to Britain where it was used by Mr Ford to repay numerous personal debts and for other purposes, such as a personal loan to Gillick.

About $4.35 million of Salvation Army money was placed in the hands of associaties of Mr Naguib, who themselves had been tricked into buying a false $5 million bank instrument.

Slaughter and May found that Mr Naguib's associates had been sold the bank instrument through the company of Harold Glantz of New York. He was described by US authorities as having "known connections and associations" with the Mafia.

He is being held in federal custody in New York pending extradition to The Netherlands for questioning in relation to the army's missing money. He worked with Guido Haak, a Dutch associate who has been sent to prison for embezzlement in Holland.

With the army's money, Mr Glantz bought a property in Malibu in his own name and properties in Santa Monica and Hollywood in the names of nominees. He was also named in an indictment issued in Boston, Massachusetts, last year, on charges arising out of an international investigation involving the FBI, British officers from the Devon and Cornwall police, and Dutch and Swiss authorities.

The army fraud is still being investigated by the Metropolitan Police's company fraud department. The Slaughter and May team were helped in their efforts to track down the missing funds by the fact that, once the matter became public, the Salvation Army gave its full co-operation.

In many other similar cases investors are reluctant to step forward and admit that they have been conned. In this case the solicitors made great use of the civil courts in pursuing claims in different countries.

The continuing police investigation, however, is being hampered by complex questions of jurisdiction.

The prime bank instrument fraud, such as that perpetrated on the Salvation Army, is still prevalent but, as the international fight against fraud begins to bite, criminals have started making greater use of the "advanced fee" fraud to fleece investors. This involves taking a payment from an investor in return for the promise of a substantial loan which is never forthcoming.

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GILL ALLEN



Umrao Singh, from India, outside St Martin-in-the-Fields yesterday

Gallant veterans honoured by royalty

By John Young

LONDON paid its respects yesterday to 58 heroes of past conflicts — holders of the Victoria Cross and the George Cross, the supreme military and civilian awards for gallantry — who laid a wreath at the Cenotaph.

The veterans, who came from as far afield as Sarawak and Nepal, included Umrao Singh, from India, who was almost excluded from this year's VE-Day commemorations by mistake and who is believed to have been instrumental in persuading John Major to increase VC and GC pensions from £100 to £1,300 a year.

Earlier the veterans had attended a reception hosted by the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Among them was Ernest "Smokey" Smith, from Vancouver, who made plain his disapproval of the hoax by his compatriot, the disc jockey Pierre Brassard, who broadcast a telephone conversation with the Queen.

"I think it's terrible," Mr Smith, who was decorated for destroying two enemy tanks and two guns during the Italian campaign in 1944, said. "They get away with anything these days."

After the wreath-laying ceremony the veterans attended a service at St Martin-in-the-Fields before going to tea at St James's Palace with Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

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Katrine Hopkins at home with Kayleigh yesterday

Mother's heart stopped five times

By A Staff Reporter

A WOMAN whose heart stopped five times as doctors struggled to save her unborn child was back at home yesterday with a healthy baby daughter. Katrine Hopkins, who spent 33 days in intensive care after an emergency Caesarean section, said: "It was a series of miracles which kept Kayleigh and me alive."

Mrs Hopkins, 36, from Kirkwall, Orkney, was at an antenatal clinic when nurses saw early signs of eclampsia, a blood-pressure problem that can become serious during pregnancy. She was immediately transferred to the special baby-care unit of Raigmore Hospital, Inverness.

Six days later, on September 14, her blood pressure soared, her lungs became congested with fluid and she showed early signs of cardiac failure. Mrs Hopkins was taken to the intensive-care unit where her heart stopped.

The registrar decided to conduct a Caesarean immediately and doctors used cardiac massage and electric shocks to keep Mrs Hopkins alive until the baby could be delivered without anaesthetic.

Less than an hour after Mrs Hopkins was taken to intensive care, Kayleigh was born, four weeks premature and weighing 5lb 9oz. The mother's condition was stabilised but she was critically ill.

"No one had time to record the time of Kayleigh's birth because it was extremely hectic in there," Dr Russell Lees, consultant obstetrician, said. "Mrs Hopkins arrested five times in 25 minutes. There was a very short period when neither baby nor mother was getting oxygen."

Mrs Hopkins said: "Talk about being in the right place at the right time. If I had been anywhere else other than in the intensive care unit of the hospital, we would have died. It was all a bit of a blur but everything is fine now and I can't speak highly enough of the skills of the Raigmore Hospital team."

Referee burgled hotels for ten years

By Kate Alderson

A FORMER senior football referee led a bizarre double life for ten years, stealing hotel keys and later returning to burgle the rooms, a court was told yesterday.

Michael Peck, 50, a referee for 23 years who became referees officer for the Endsleigh Football League earlier this year, admitted two charges of theft, four of burglary and two of obtaining property totalling £3,300 by deception. He asked for a further 75 cases to be taken into consideration at Carlisle Crown Court.

Peck, married with two grown-up daughters, was ordered to do 200 hours' community service and pay a total of £554 compensation to three of his victims.

Tim Holroyde, for the prosecution, said Peck was deputy head of Queen Katherine's school in Kendal until last April, when he took up his post with the league.

After leaving the school, where he had worked for 15 years alongside his refereeing duties, his locker was cleared and was found to contain various wallets with credit cards and driving licences, a number of cameras, and items of men's clothing. Thirty keys were also recovered.

Peck told police how over ten years he had gone to hotels taking any room keys left in doors. At a later date he would return, let himself in and steal any property worth having.

Nelson letter shows how he lost patience with servant

By Andrew Pierce

LORD Nelson's reputation as a loyal defender of his men has been dented by the discovery of a letter in which he pours scorn on a faithful but erratic manservant.

Three days before he set sail for death and glory at Trafalgar in 1805, Britain's most heroic naval figure penned a harsh job reference about Tom Allen, his batman of more than 10 years' standing.

The unpublished letter from Nelson to the Rev J. Glasse is being auctioned by Phillips in London next month. It is expected to fetch thousands of pounds for an anonymous private collector.

Nelson wrote: "I am just favour'd with your letter of the 27th respecting Thomas Allen. Although I kept him for many years about me yet I fear he did not make a very grateful return to my kindness to him. He never was my steward nor do I think him able to perform such a service well."

Felix Pryor, manuscript specialist for the auctioneers, said: "It is not known what provoked this harsh rebuke from someone whose generosity of spirit and intense loyalty have become a byword."



Nelson: at Trafalgar without usual batman

Nelson scholars, while surprised by the hostile tone, were in no doubt about the reason. Tom Pocock, the author of five books on Nelson, said: "He was kind to his servants but Tom Allen was an irascible rogue. His behaviour shocked people who dined with Nelson on his ships."

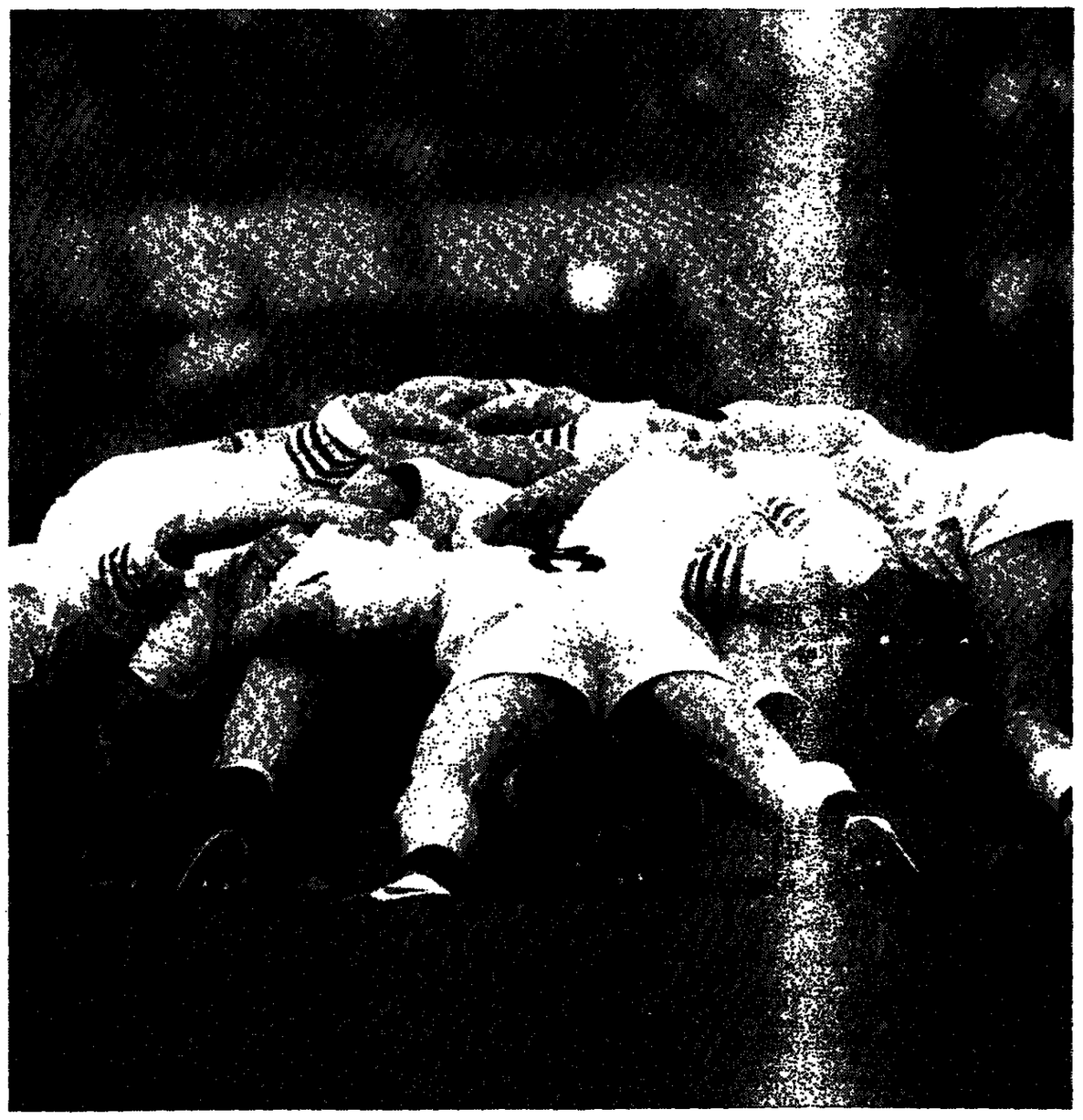
None more so that King Ferdinand of Naples after an epic victory in 1798. Mr Pocock said: "When King Ferdinand came on board he did not know who Tom Allen was and held his hand out for it to be kissed. Allen shook it vigorously and said, "How do do you do Mr King?"."

Nelson made excuses for his servant — they had known each other since they grew up together in the Norfolk village of Burnham Thorpe. But they parted company before the Battle of Trafalgar and to his dying day Allen insisted that Nelson would have survived if he had been on board the *Victory*.

Allen ended his days as a pensioner at Greenwich Hospital. "He was such a character there that when he died in 1834 Captain Hardy, the Governor, paid for a headstone. It remains there today," said Mr Pocock.

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Cromwell Street murder trial jury is urged to be painstaking, fair and impartial

QC puts Mrs West in witness box 'to fight bias and distortion'

CHARLIE VARLEY



Richard Ferguson, QC, with Sasha Wass, another member of the defence team

IN A DRAMATIC opening to the seventeenth day of the trial of Rosemary West at Winchester Crown Court, Richard Ferguson, QC, confirmed to Mr Justice Mantell that Mrs West would begin the defence case by going into the witness box. Mr Ferguson said his client wanted to state that she was innocent of the charges of murdering ten women or young girls.

A major plank in the prosecution case was that if Mrs West, 42, lived in the same house as Frederick West then she must have known what was going on. But the defence submitted that much of the evidence called to support this theory was affected by prejudice and distortion.

"I want to tell you now, as loudly and clearly as I can, that Rosemary West is not guilty of any of the counts in this indictment. She neither

THE DEFENCE CASE

knew of, nor participated in, any of the acts which led to the deaths of these girls.

"Just because, for example, the police say you are guilty of an offence does not mean that it must be true. Just because my learned friend Mr Leveson [Brian Leveson, QC, prosecution counsel] has put together a convenient, from the point of view of the Crown, and superficially attractive theory, does not mean you must accept it."

The defence barrister said that they did not have to accept witnesses' evidence. "I have little doubt that since you were sworn in as jurors you have had many voices telling you what you should do, many opinions offered by people who know nothing about the case except what they read or saw on their television. The day before this trial commenced I was told by a taxi driver that the State would be doing us all a great service if someone put arsenic in Rosemary West's tea. I asked the gentleman if he knew anything about the case and he said no.

"I find that shocking and I have no doubt whatsoever that you will find that shocking. I have equally no doubt that your approach to this case will be painstaking, fair, and impartial."

Mr Ferguson said: "You may think that it's as clear as a pikestaff that Frederick West murdered or was party to these murders. How do we know that?

"You have heard that police put it to Mrs West during her interviews that Fred had made a confession to the murder of Heather, that he had told everyone who had been with him: his solicitor, the cell guard I think, a policewoman and those who had been concerned in interviewing him.

"We know, do we not — again a matter for you — that Mr West pointed out to the police where to look for the remains, and those remains were found where he had indicated."

Mrs West had not been charged with the murders of Ann McFall and Mr West's first wife Rena, Mr Ferguson said. "You may conclude that Frederick West had murdered before he met this defendant. Ann McFall was last seen in May 1967 when Rosemary West was 13 years of age."

In addition, Frederick West had "all the time in the world" to deal with the remains of victims, Mr Ferguson said. West was able to "hide behind his DIY activities. No one was going to question him as to what he was doing in the basement."

Mr Ferguson also urged the jury to considered carefully the evidence of the mother of Lynda Gough who earlier in the trial told how she "shuddered" with fear when she went past 25 Cromwell Street and noticed cellar doors had been bricked up. Mr Ferguson said the jury now knew that there were no bricked-up cellar doors that would have been visible at No 25.

He said Mrs West was only 15 when she met West, who was a married man, considerably older, living with his daughter and stepdaughter. "She, like others, fell under his spell, became pregnant by him. Thereafter Frederick West abused her as he abused everyone else during his evil life. It is because of her marriage and her co-habitation with him that she is before this court.

"The fact that Rosemary West may be a lesbian doesn't make her a murderer. The fact she had sex with some of the lodgers doesn't make her a murderer. The fact that she was forced into prostitution doesn't make her a murderer. The fact she had sex aids in her house doesn't make her murderer."

No 25 Cromwell Street was not an average house lived in by a family with 2.4 children, Mr Ferguson said. It was full of children, with lodgers where people came and went without question or comment. It was a refuge for the "flotsam and jetsam of modern life".

Likewise, in the jurors' homes signs of excavations would be a matter for comment, but not so in the Wests' house because Frederick was a builder and DIY enthusiast.

For these reasons Mr Ferguson urged the jurors to remove what he called the "co-habitation theory" from the case, that Mrs West must have known what was going on.

Mr Ferguson suggested that if the jury thought the two murders Mrs West had not been charged with tended to support an assumption that West murdered before he met his second wife, "then some consequences become apparent". "It is apparent, is it not, that he was capable of murder without her assistance. It is also apparent, is it not, that he was capable of dismembering and disposing of the bodies without her knowledge, help or assistance."

Mr Ferguson told the jury: "The Crown has built a very intelligent, very careful and very speculative case. The stack of cards upon which their case rests is that all the victims were the victims of sexual abuse, and that Rosemary West was a necessary ingredient in that mix."

Mr Ferguson said that Mr Leveson "told you that Rosemary West must have enticed or encouraged a number of the victims to Cromwell Street. What if evidence called on behalf of the defence indicates to your satisfaction that Frederick West did, on occasions, try to entice people into his car on his own?"

The jury had heard evidence from Caroline Owens and Catherine Halliday, and Anna-Marie Davis that Mrs West had taken "some perverted sexual pleasure" in her dealings with them, but they had been allowed to live. The defence barrister then referred to those three witnesses and another, Miss A. He said: "What they have in common is that each has an involvement with the media.

"Caroline Owens, ten days after her first statement to the police, spoke to the media. She has already received £9,500 and has £10,500 to come after publication.

"Miss A contacted the media after the committal proceedings, curious to find out what was happening. Apparently she felt the police either could not or would not satisfy her curiosity. She is to receive £30,000."

Kathryn Halliday contacted the press because she said she felt people "needed to know what was going on", Mr Ferguson said. She had now been paid by a newspaper and participated in a television documentary. Mr Ferguson maintained that the documentary could not be shown unless Mrs West were convicted.

Anna-Marie Davis was under contract to the *Daily Star*. "Despite the fact she explained to you that she was not interested in money, she has been paid £3,000 with more to come. Arrangements have been made for her to write a book and she has an arrangement with a television company.

"You may think that either consciously or unconsciously

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they must be aware that the more sensational the evidence, the more the media will pay for their stories. You may think that, consciously or unconsciously, they know that what they will be paid is contingent upon there being convictions in this case."

In dealing with Caroline Owens's evidence, Mr Ferguson pointed out that in the absence of her original witness statement all that was available was the facts of the magistrates' court appearance. Mrs West had been fined £50 for what happened to Mrs Owens.

The QC said that she was not taken to hospital nor did she require medical treatment.

Miss A, he said, had not complained for more than 20 years. She could not remember anything about the house, which she said she visited on a number of occasions, which would have substantiated her accounts.

She had not tried to call out or to escape even when she had seen another girl who was being cruelly attacked, abused and humiliated.

Miss A, he recalled, had been sexually abused by her father and her brother. "Tragically she has a psychiatric background and history which may make you pause before you accept the evidence she has given."

Referring to Kathryn Halliday's evidence, he recalled how she said she kept "going back for more". The QC suggested she was not degraded or humiliated to the extent she alleged.

Mrs West had been interviewed on tape — recordings that the jury had heard in the court last week, Mr Ferguson said. They had also heard that police had telephone-tapped a number of "safe houses" in which she had stayed for more than two months.

He added: "Not a word of admission came from that evidence which was put before you. And now you will hear from her in person that she is innocent of these charges.

"All I ask is that during the course of her evidence that you bear in mind that for her, even more than any other witness, this will be a considerable ordeal. This was her family and this was her home. This is her case."

☐ A male juror was discharged because of what was described as "something that happened over the weekend". The remaining panel of seven men and four women will now decide Mrs West's guilt or innocence. No reason for the man leaving the jury panel was given in open court.



The houses occupied by the Wests at 25 Midland Road, left, and 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, which was described yesterday as "not an ordinary house"

'Nanny? I don't remember that we had one'

THE RIDDLE OF CAROLINE OWENS

DURING the evidence given yesterday by Rosemary West, she was asked about the claims earlier in the trial by Caroline Owens, a former nanny, that she was kidnapped by the couple while hitchhiking home.

Ms Owens had told the court she was assaulted by Mrs West in the back of the car before being bound and gagged, and later subjected to sexual assaults by Mr and Mrs West at their house in Cromwell Street.

Mrs West said that she had no recollection of Mrs Owens being their nanny. She could not remember the allegations which were eventually put to her by police or details of her court appearance, when she was fined £50 for indecent assault.

Mrs West said that she did have a vague recollection of giving Ms Owens a lift and that Mr West had persuaded her to attempt a lesbian relationship with Ms Owens. "I thought Caroline had agreed to this. I told him I didn't think Caroline was that way inclined but I allowed myself to be persuaded that she was willing.

"I remember putting my arms around her and touching her on top of her clothes. As soon as she put up a resistance I stopped. All I can remember is being frightened. Fred was a threat.

"I just remember that things got out of hand. I was pleading with Fred for it to stop. I didn't want Caroline hurt. It was just a mess."

Mrs West said that she had no recall of Ms Owens being taped across the mouth and being taken back to Cromwell Street. "I was fighting with Fred. I was trying to stop it. I was terrified.

"I believe I was just as much a victim as Caroline was. I felt frightened and intimidated by the situation. I'd never broken the law before, I knew it was wrong to force anyone to do anything."

Mrs West said that she believed Ms Owens was exaggerating her claims against her and was terrified when police came to interview her after the incident in December 1972. She believed she was about to have her children taken away from her.

She claimed the incident led to a row with her husband in which she threatened to leave him and to take the children with her. However, she stayed because West could be "persuasive and intimidating".

She said: "He had a lot of influence over me." She finally decided against leaving because she had no money and nowhere else to go. Mrs West said: "The whole situation was traumatic for me and Fred had also promised faithfully to me that nothing like this would ever happen again. I was vulnerable to his persuasion and his promises."

She said that she and her husband had picked up other hitchhikers in the past but had always dropped them off wherever they wanted to go. Richard Ferguson, QC: "Did you ever pick up any young girls?" Mrs West: "No, sir."



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'I was raped twice by strangers then seduced by lying charmer'

RAPED twice before she was 16, abandoned by her mother, and duped by the false promises of love and care from her "evil" future husband. This was the picture of her early years described by Rosemary West.

Frequently breaking down in tears as she gave evidence, Mrs West also spoke of her love for all her children, including her daughter Heather, whose remains were unearthed at 25 Cromwell Street.

Called to the witness box just before midday, she asked if she could sit down while giving evidence. She said that her early years had been spent in Barnstaple, Devon. The family then moved to Plymouth before finding a new home in Bishops Cleeve, near Cheltenham.

"I had two younger brothers, one older brother and three older sisters," she told the court. She had been "very close" with the two younger boys. She had always "loved other children — I spent most of my life with them."

Mr Ferguson asked: "What age were you when you first had sex?" She replied: "About 14."

Mrs West recalled a Christmas party the year after, when she had been raped by a stranger. Hoping for a lift home with a friend's parents, she had been "abandoned". She went on: "This fellow forced me into his car. I felt I had to get in. He said he was going to take me home. Instead we went to the hills."

The man put her in fear of her life before compelling her to have sexual intercourse, she said. Mr Ferguson asked if she had told her parents. "No, I didn't," replied Mrs West, sobbing quietly.

Shortly afterwards, her parents separated. Mrs West went with her mother and two younger brothers to live with a sister in Cheltenham. "I had a job about this time, and I came back one night and my mum and my brothers were not there — they had gone, moved on and left me with my sister. "It had a devastating effect on me."

Subsequently, she moved in with one of her sister's male friends — "a much older man". The pair had sex "on more than one occasion". She was 15.

Some weeks later, while she was working at a bread shop, she was approached by a man at a Cheltenham bus stop. "He was chatting me up. I was resisting his advances but he was very forceful. It got out of hand, so I ran away towards a nearby park. He grabbed me, pulled me towards the park and smashed the padlock off the park gates as though it was nothing. He had said he was in the army and I presumed he was very fit."

The man dragged her towards trees by a lake in the park and raped her. "Did you tell your parents?" asked Mr Ferguson. "No sir, I didn't," she replied.

Mrs West described how she first met West at a bus stop. He eventually asking her out.

Her reaction to him had been "shock and horror" at first. "I made it clear that I was not interested, but he was very persistent."

On their first date, West gave her a fur coat and a lace dress. At first she refused to accept the gifts. "I had no intention of getting involved. I knew my parents would not approve," she said.

The two began a relationship and began having sex. Her parents were furious. "They tried to put a stop to it in every way possible. They threatened me and tried to intimidate me. They threatened Fred and told the authorities that he was having sex with an under-age girl."

Mr Ferguson asked Mrs West how she now felt about her late husband. "He promised me the world, he promised me everything. Because I was so young, I fell for his lies. He promised to love me and care for me and I fell for it.

"I thought, 'Well my mum left me, my dad abused my mum and I'd just like someone to love me'."

She said her parents tried to persuade her to have an abortion and not to see West any more. She remembered waiting in her room because an ambulance had been called. Her father came to her bedroom giving her an ultimatum, saying she could stay at home if she had an abortion and got a job. The alternative was she must leave home.



Anne Marie: she needed a home

At the time, her main thought was for her future stepchildren, Anne Marie and Charmaine, who needed looking after and were in a council home. "I thought they needed parents and a settled life, and I also wanted my baby."

Mrs West said she decided to leave home, and West found a flat for them in Cheltenham. She was 17.

West served a prison sentence for stealing a car tax disc. When he came out of prison, Mrs West said: "He asked me if I had been with other men. I said, 'No, of course not'. He asked me, 'Why not?'."

Her voice shaking she continued: "He told me he wanted me to go with other men." This happened in the summer of 1971, before their daughter Heather's first birthday. "He always brought the subject up. It was a daily thing he talked about. There was this very, very strong persuasion and reasons why I should. He gave me assorted reasons. One was that I was a very young girl and I couldn't just dedicate myself to looking after children and doing housework. I needed a break and I needed to go out.

"He said he would welcome it." Mrs West said her husband and a neighbour, Elizabeth Agius, appeared to get on well and "messed about physically" in her presence.

Then, while she was in hospital having her second child, West appeared reluctant to collect her for some days. She eventually discharged herself and returned to the flat in Midland Road, where she found her stepdaughter Ann Marie cleaning the windows and her baby daughter Heather lying unattended in her cot with a dirty nappy. Mrs West learned that her husband was next door with Mrs Agrus. After hammering angrily on her door, the couple emerged looking "flushed and hassled."

Mrs West went on to tell how her growing family moved to 25 Cromwell Street. "It was old and neglected and very run down." Asked to describe the cellar, she said: "To me, it was like a cold, wet, damp cave. It was dark and wet and gloomy." It remained in that condition for quite some time. After a few years, it was renovated by her husband, who carried out extensive repairs.

"He wouldn't allow any of us down there. He said it was not a place to have a pregnant woman or small children. He would lock off the doors and do whatever he was doing."

She described her husband as a workoholic. It was not unusual for him to be digging up the floors. He built an extension, rewired the building, decorated and plastered.

She was persuaded they needed male lodgers to help with the mortage. "I considered them drop-outs. They were smoking drugs. They never bothered about cleanliness and looking after anyone else's property."

She said the house was raided by drugs squad officers on what seemed an almost daily basis. She admitted sleeping with one of the lodgers but it was a "one off."

She claimed she would resist her husband's suggestions that she sleep with other men, but Mr West suggested it was for the benefit of their marriage. "He was always on about other men. And if I kept resisting him, he would use emotional blackmail. He could be very persuasive, pushy. He would say things like, 'You aren't doing enough for the marriage. I am the breadwinner, I bring in all the money, you have got to play your part.'

"When we eventually got the boys out of the house, obviously I said 'That's it, that's the last of the tenants'. Then Fred suggested we have females in, because they would look after the house a lot better."

Mr Ferguson asked how West behaved with the female lodgers. Mrs West said: "He spent a lot of time with them. He was always doing things for them, giving them a lift here or taking them down to their mums, or sorting out their problems, redecorating their rooms. He was always round about with them."

When he was in a bad mood, it was almost as if he was jealous because of the other men he forced her to go with, she claimed. "He would always have a go at me for some reason or other. If he thought he was losing the argument, he would use his fists and hit me."

Mrs West claimed West hit her regularly. As a couple, they never went out goether. She would go to the pub or clubs in Gloucester, where she would meet other men. "It was mainly to pick up other men. That is what Fred intended."

Mrs West maintained that no money was involved. She added: "If money came into it at all, then it was only like Easter or Christmas. They would say here is a tenner, go and have a drink at Christmas. If it was one of the children's birthdays they would say, take some money for the kids. That's all. Sometimes they would give me flowers or chocolate."

Asked by Mr Ferguson about how she began having lesbian relationships, Mrs West said that after 1977 and the birth of a daughter, West had suggested that she go with another girl. Talking about her lesbian activities, Mrs West, in a soft voice, said: "They were entirely different than when I went with a man. They were warmer, closer. I would say they were a lot more fun, and because of that I also felt closer and more satisfied in a sexual way with them," she said.

Mrs West admitted that some of her eight children were by different fathers. "It was his idea. He would call them our love children. There was no secret about them. I didn't want the fathers to know. Fred told them anyway."



Rosemary and Frederick West: "He promised to love and care for me and I fell for it"

'Fred just told me she went with her mum'

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF CHARMAINE WEST

AT THE age of 17, Rosemary West went to live with Frederick West in a flat at Cheltenham. He was then sent to jail for nine months for the theft of a car tax disc and she looked after his children Charmaine and Anne Marie as best she could.

Richard Ferguson, QC, for her defence, asked: "How did you regard the two stepchildren?" Mrs West: "I wanted to look after them. I wanted to protect them as much as I could. I loved them, in fact. I did all I could as a young girl to look after them. I did not want to see them back in homes again.

"I thought I was able to look after them until Charmaine started resisting my care. She was not eating, running away and generally disagreeing with anything I said or did.

"We got on very well. I loved them straight away. I felt sorry for them because their mother was not around."

She was asked if during the time of their friendship she ever had occasion to punish any of the children. Mrs West replied that she would discipline the children by giving them a smack on the legs or on the bottom.

Mr Ferguson: "Did you ever have Charmaine standing on a chair with her hands tied behind her back?" Mrs West: "No sir, that never happened." Mr Ferguson: "Did you smack her with a wooden spoon?" Mrs West: "No."

West was released from prison in June 1971. But while he was inside, Charmaine had continued to be awkward and disruptive, and had told her several times she wanted to be with her mother.

Mrs West discussed this with West on a prison visit. She said that he sympathised with her and with Charmaine. Mrs West said: "I had made it abundantly clear I was perfectly willing to keep



Charmaine: Mrs West denies tying her hands

Charmaine on ... But if it was the best thing for her to be with her mother ... then in that context he agreed with me. He said he would sort it out."

West told her he could easily contact Charmaine's mother. Mrs West said she made no distinction in the treatment of the two children. Mr Ferguson: "Can you remember if Charmaine was still there when he came back?" She said: "Yes sir, she was." It was shortly after he came out of prison when she disappeared.

The QC asked her to tell what had happened. There was a long pause and Mrs West said: "Fred said he had got in contact with Charmaine's and Anne's mum and that she agreed to have Charmaine, for that is what Charmaine wanted and that she was coming to the house to pick Charmaine up."

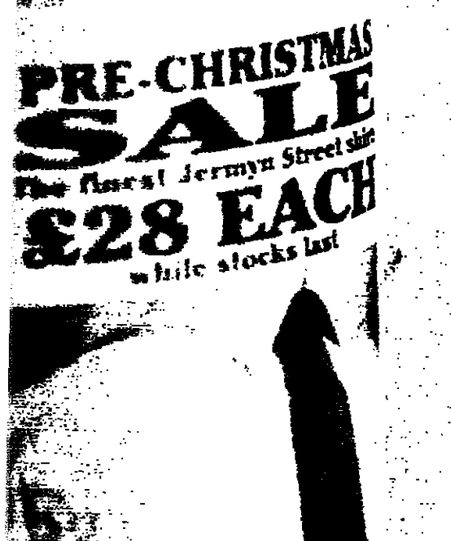
West advised her it would be better if she were not around. "I was only a young girl myself. So far as I was concerned it was their past life, it was her child and it was up to them to sort it out."

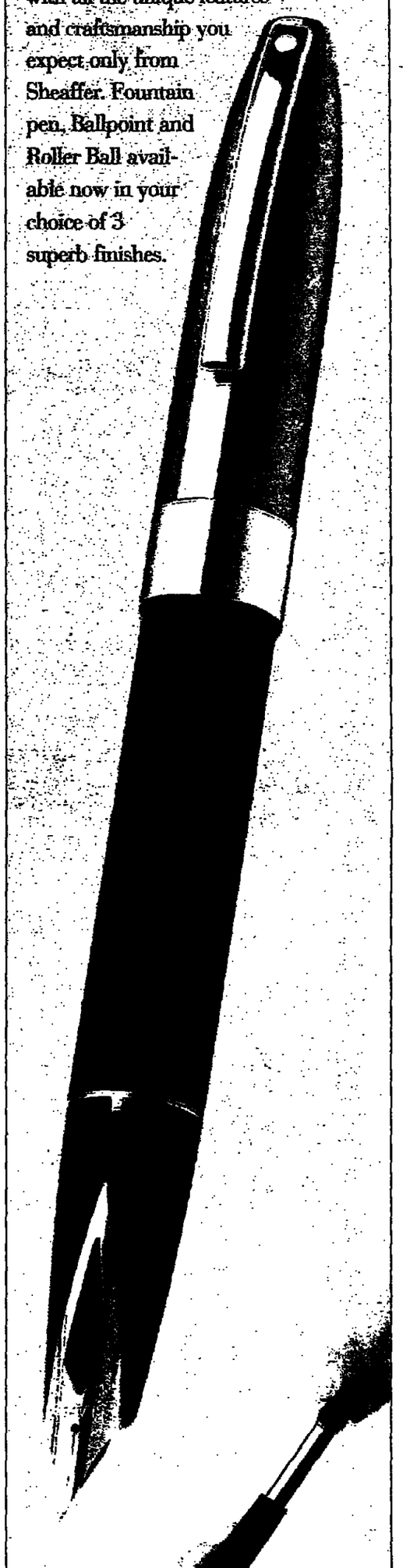
She said that Charmaine's mother came to the house but Mrs West did not speak to her. The QC asked: "Did you have any conversation with her?" Mrs West: "No, I walked straight past." Where did she go, asked the QC. Mrs West, sobbing deeply, said: "I'm sorry." The QC asked her again where she had gone. Mrs West replied that she took Heather [her own daughter] and Anne Marie to her mother's. They did not return until late that evening and Charmaine had gone.

"Fred just told me that Charmaine had gone with her mum and she was very happy about it and in a way I was pleased for her. He said she had gone back to Scotland with her." Mrs West agreed that she had no reason to disbelieve that.

REPORTS BY BILL FROST AND RICHARD DUCE







Livestock dealer suspends exports

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

ANIMAL rights campaigners claimed a victory yesterday after a livestock exporter suspended shipments of calves and sheep through the port of Brightlingsea in Essex.

Roger Mills, the trader, said the suspension was temporary and had been caused by a shortage of animals available for export and restrictions imposed by Essex Police.

Maria Wilby, a member of Brightlingsea Against Live Exports, which has organised regular demonstrations at the port since January, said: "We believe this is the beginning of the end of animal shipments through this port."

Mr Mills, whose company Live Sheep Traders (Ireland) is based in Suffolk, plans for the time being to switch exports to Dover, which will now be the only port handling livestock to the Continent.

Shootings provoke Orkney outcry despite escalating seal attacks on fish and lobsters

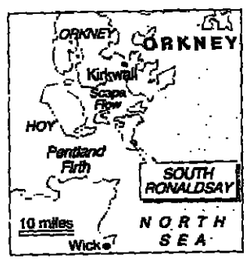
Fishermen deny seal slaughter but call for official culling

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

FISHERMEN in Orkney yesterday condemned the illegal slaughter of 25 suckling seal pups but renewed calls for the Government to sanction a legal cull to protect fish and lobster stocks.

The pups and an adult seal were discovered shot on a remote part of South Ronaldsay at the weekend. Yesterday Kirkwall police removed four corpses for examination. There is no possibility that they were legally killed as it is the closed season for shooting grey seals. Outside the closed season, fishermen are allowed to shoot seals providing that they have the necessary adjustment to their firearms licence and use the correct calibre of rifle, and that the seals are interfering with their creels, nets or fish farms.

There are about 141,000 seals in Scottish waters and their number is estimated to be growing at 7 per cent a year, provoking increasing acrimony. But the shooting of the pups is the worst example of seal killings in the islands in recent years and has provoked an outcry in Orkney.



Stewart Crichton, of the Orkney Fishermen's Society, said that a properly organised cull would prevent that sort of carnage. "Everyone is aghast. None of the fishermen condones this sort of activity. Years ago spotting a seal was a rare occurrence. Now there are up to a hundred lying on the beaches and you can walk right up to them with the dog. They are becoming more and more sophisticated at opening lobster creels. A fisherman can pull in 20 creels and find everyone of them opened and the bait missing."

The Scottish Office said ministers had looked at the question of a seal cull in Orkney in July but had rejected it. The issue will not be considered again for a year.

"The seal is the most protected unendangered species in Britain. Under the Conservation of Seals Act 1970 the closed season for grey seals is from September 1 to December 31 and for common seals from June 1 to August 31," a spokesman said. Non-lethal methods of population control such as contraceptive darts have also been rejected.

The last official seal culls in Orkney were in the late 1970s when about 3,000 seals a year were killed but there was a huge public outcry and they were stopped.

Cameron Taylor, chief executive of the Orkney Tourist Board, said the slaughter of the South Ronaldsay seals was "extremely sad". He added: "The natural environment of Orkney is central to its tourism. This sort of thing does not help people's perception of Orkney."

John Robins of Animal Concern, who has written to the Scottish Office calling for an inquiry, estimates that 5,000 seals are legally killed in Britain each year. "We have called for a boycott of Scottish fish. People may be paying a few pounds for their fish but these seals are paying with their lives," he said.

Alan Coghill, secretary of the Orkney Fishermen's Association, said: "We do not condone the indiscriminate shooting of seals. Fishermen here live pretty close to nature and seals are part of their lives. There is no evidence that fishermen were involved in this act."

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Maureen Bain and Ross Flett of Orkney Seal Rescue, which reported the shooting of the pups to the police



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Murphy: fears campus freedom is threatened

Students accuse Islamic militants

BY DAVID CHARTER
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ISLAMIC extremist groups were blamed yesterday by the National Union of Students for a rise in racial tension on campuses.

Incidents of verbal and physical assaults have led more than 100 student unions to ban the group Hizb ut-Tahrir. Campus monitoring by the NUS over the past year found that threats and harassment were twice as likely to be blamed on extreme Islamic groups than on ultra right-wing organisations.

Jim Murphy, the NUS president, said the multiracial ethos of British universities was under threat. He called for tighter control of the Internet after a rise in racist material received by universities, including denials of the Holocaust sent to history departments.

Mr Murphy said: "We are genuinely concerned for the safety and academic freedom of students throughout the country. These organisations are involved in a campaign of wanton discrimination, verbal and in some cases physical violence."

He called on the Department for Education and Employment and the Home Office to use legislation to ensure that campuses were free from intimidation.

Hizb ut-Tahrir, also known as The Party of God, accused the NUS of a hate campaign and denied incitement and discrimination. Irfan Waheed, a spokesman, said NUS claims that the group's members harassed Jewish students were "lies and fabrication".

This term there were confrontations between Hizb ut-Tahrir members and students at freshers' fairs at University College London and Cambridge University. London Guildhall University, at Whitechapel, east London, closed for a day because of a 300-strong demonstration by the group over alleged attacks on Muslim students.

Boy loses hand as he makes firework

A teenager blew his hand off as he sat in his bedroom making a firework from do-it-yourself instructions.

Nick Peacock, 16, was detained in intensive care at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, after the explosion on Sunday night in the bedroom of his home at Box, near Bath. Police believe Nick obtained the instructions for making explosive devices from a friend, who in turn found them from an American contact on the Internet.

Dutch arrest fans

Eight British football supporters were arrested and ordered to be deported yesterday after nearly a hundred Leeds United followers arrived at Eindhoven in The Netherlands without tickets for today's UEFA Cup match against PSV Eindhoven.

Tanker all-clear

The oil tanker *Borga*, which ran aground outside Milford Haven, was refloated yesterday and towed to the Herbranston terminal near by. The Marine Pollution Control Unit said there had been no spills of oil from the holed Norwegian-registered ship.

PC jailed

PC Paul Flower, 41, one of the first officers on the scene of the Hillsborough football disaster, was jailed for two months yesterday and dismissed from the South Yorkshire force for driving while three times over the drink limit.

Girl returns

A seven-year-old girl missing from her home in Hyde, Greater Manchester, since Tuesday has returned home with her father. Lauren White went to find her father who left after a family row. They had spent a week on holiday in Blackpool.

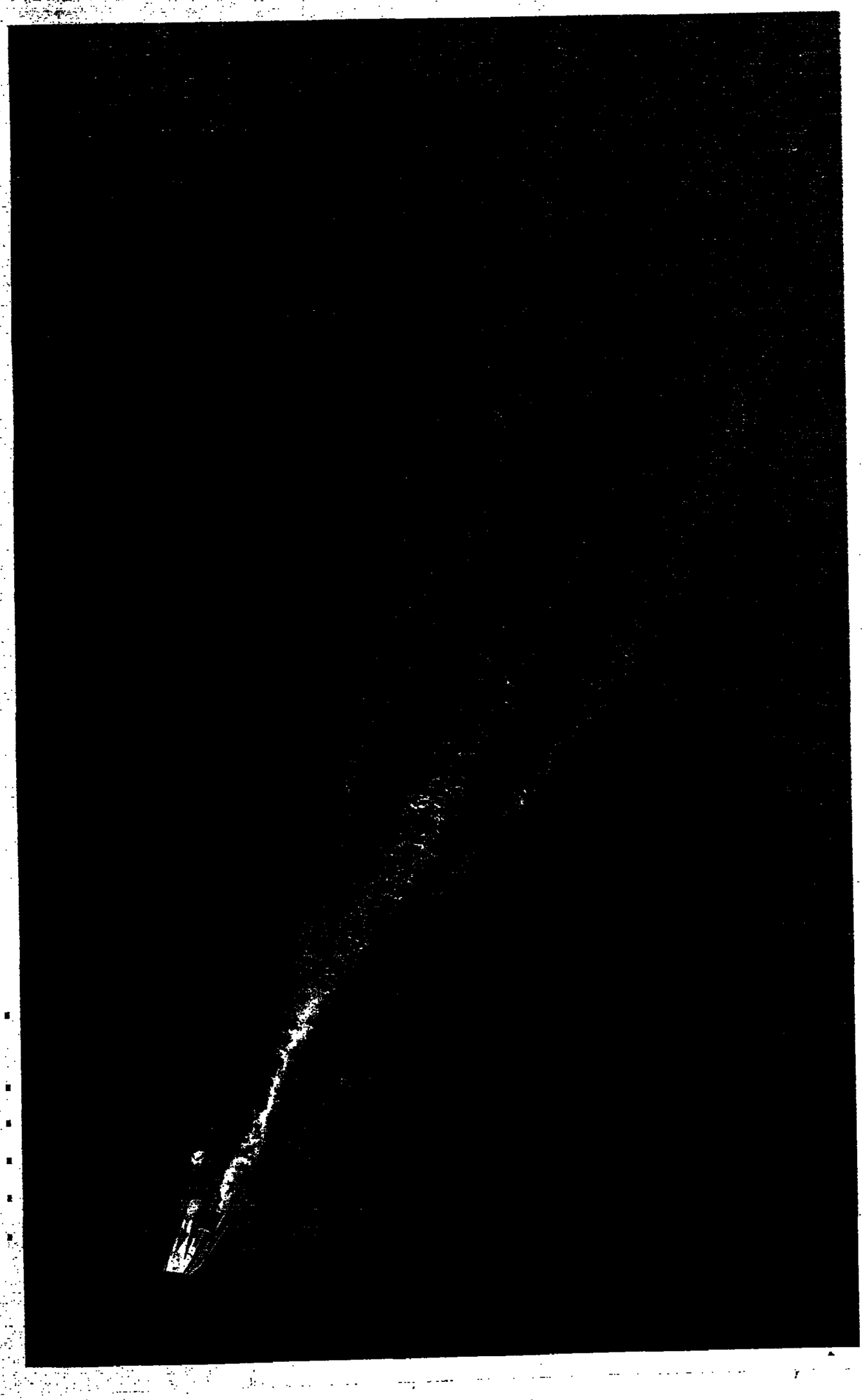
Oasis to play

The rock band Oasis is to go ahead with two concerts at Earls Court in London this weekend after bassist Paul McGuigan, who had suffered from nervous exhaustion, agreed to play. His replacement had walked out.

The British Heart Foundation suffered no loss, and was not involved, in a case in which a broker who stole shares from a City firm was jailed for six years (report, October 14).

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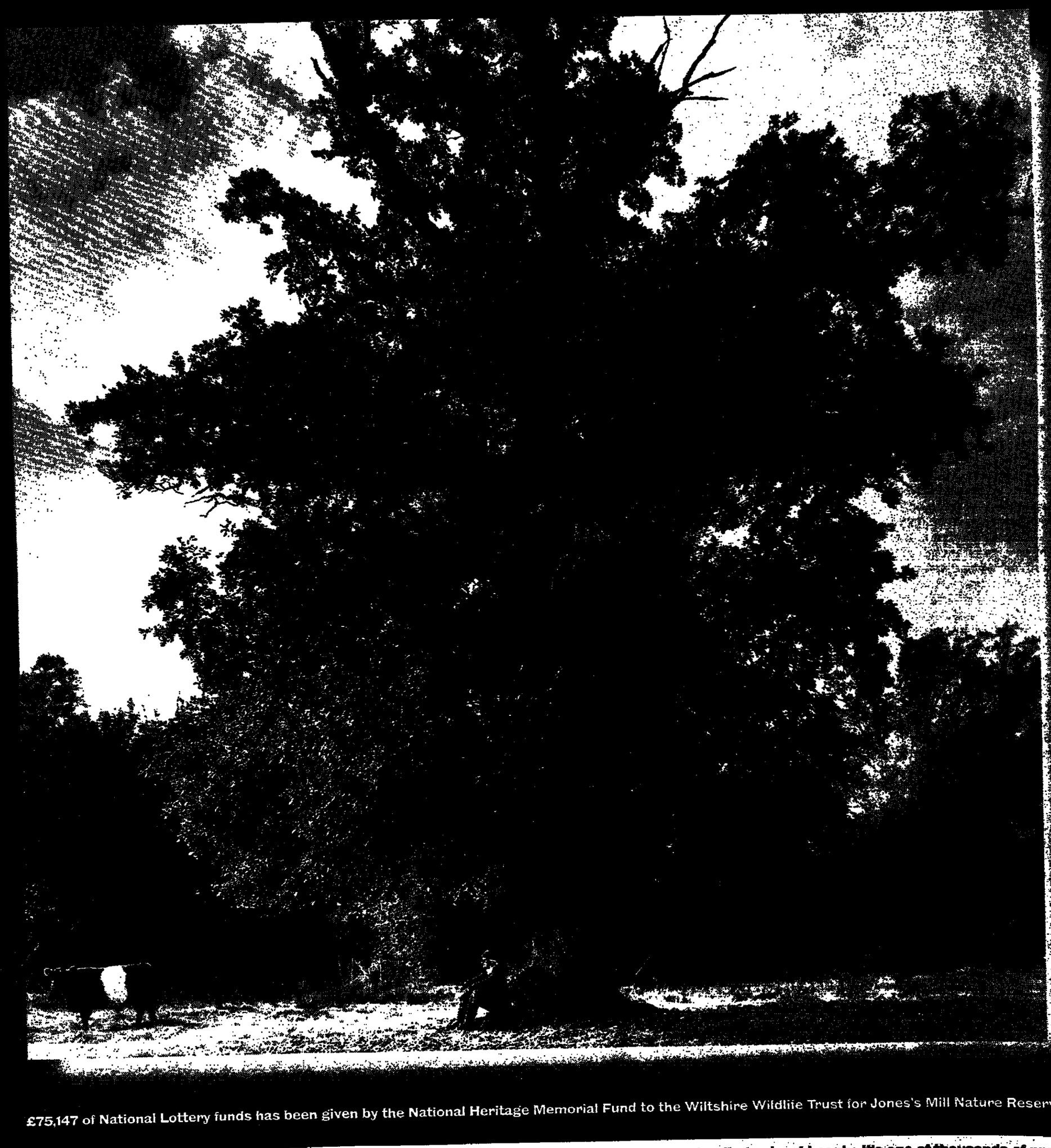
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Lottery provides means to transform redundant power station into Britain's own Pompidou Centre

Tate uses £50m award to generate huge art showcase

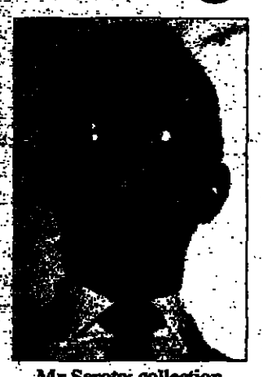
By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

A DERELICT power station on the south bank of the Thames will be transformed into a world showcase for modern art, under the Tate Gallery project awarded £50 million in National Lottery cash yesterday. It is also hoped to revitalise a dilapidated area of central London by attracting shops, hotels and restaurants.

Contemporary British artists will be given a display they have not previously enjoyed in any public gallery, sharing space with Picasso, Giacometti and other modern masters owned by the Tate.

Established names such as Sir Anthony Caro, Lucian Freud and David Hockney will be exhibited with younger artists such as Rachel Whiteread, who explores "negative" space by taking casts of mattresses and hot-water bottles, winning the 1993 Turner Prize for her inside-out *House*.

The new gallery, in the redundant Bankside Power Station near Blackfriars Bridge, is needed because the Tate has room to show only 15 per cent of its collection of 4,500 paintings and sculptures at any one time. The plan is to at least double that figure, while the collection continues to rotate and works are lent to other galleries. Bankside will also attract major international touring exhibitions.



Mr Serota: collection doubled, but not space

The Tate at Millbank ranks as one of the world's four most important modern art galleries, alongside the Museum of Modern Art and Guggenheim in New York, and the Pompidou in Paris. Nicholas Serota, the director, said the collection had doubled in the past 50 years while the building had grown 20 per cent. In spite of outposts in Liverpool and St Ives, space has become increasingly crammed: on recent Sunday afternoons, doors had to be shut to limit visitors.

The Bankside project, part of a riverside development that includes sculpture courts, gardens and a 300ft observation tower overlooking London, is expected to open in 2000.

The building is expected to achieve the same for London as the Pompidou did for Paris, gaining more than three million visitors every year. Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, said: "Just as the Pompidou Centre has successfully attracted visitors to a previously neglected area of Paris, the regeneration of Bankside will create a new focus south of the Thames and revitalise the area."

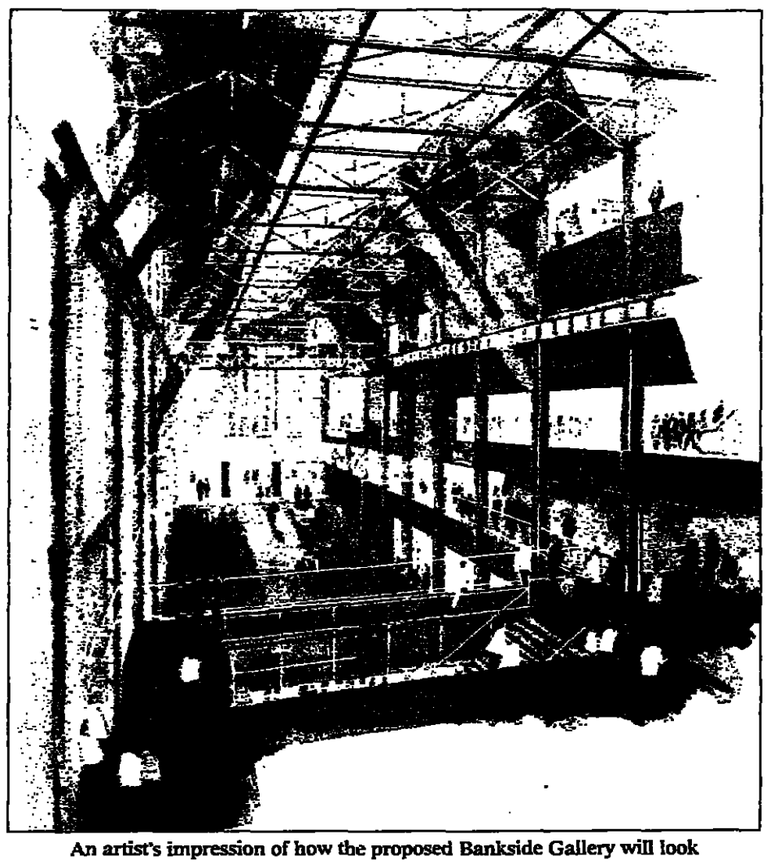
The total cost of the project is estimated at £106 million. The rest will be raised through sponsorship. The building is being transformed by the Swiss architects Herzog & de Meuron, who won an international competition for the commission. A footbridge linking Bankside with the City is likely.

The building is owned by the electricity industry and redundant plant and machinery are being cleared. Sale has been agreed and there is outline planning permission.

The Tate at Millbank will show British art in a national context; the Tate at Bankside will show British art in an international context. The Tate says the project will help to create 2,400 London jobs and £50 million in additional economic activity each year.

Jeremy Fraser, leader of Southwark council, one of Britain's poorest boroughs, said: "This is a victory for our fight against unemployment and poverty." Dennis Stevenson, chairman of the Tate's Trustees, thanked the millions who had bought lottery tickets.

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An artist's impression of how the proposed Bankside Gallery will look

Cathedral of the electric age

By Marcus Binney

BANKSIDE power station, built in 1957-60, has been called the cathedral of the age of electricity. Its highly sensitive site opposite St Paul's aroused controversy because it was feared the fumes might damage the stonework of Wren's masterpiece.

The architect Sir Giles Gilbert Scott grouped all the flues in a single 325 ft chimney, ensuring the smoke rose high above London. Scott, the grandson of the Victorian architect Sir George Gilbert Scott, chose a thrusting campanile form in contrast to the rounded dome of St Paul's.

With its contrasting lines of soaring chimney and long turbine hall, Bankside is one of the best examples of Expressionist architecture in Britain. The brickwork, set back in stages, is interesting for its Aztec-inspired detail. The long river front, ideal for floodlighting, will make the new gallery a major landmark by night and by day. The turbine hall, 500 ft long and 80 ft high, will be by far the largest single exhibition space in London.

British Legion pleads for two minutes' silence

By John Young

THE Royal British Legion last night asked the public to observe a two-minute silence on Saturday, November 11. It wants people to revive a tradition by pausing, on the day before Remembrance Sunday, wherever they are and whatever they are doing, to pay tribute to members of the British forces who have died in this century's wars.

The request was made at the launch of the annual Poppy Day appeal. The legion said: "Overwhelming public support has shown that remembrance and reflection have relevance to most people and we therefore ask you to promote the two-minute silence this year on the traditional eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour on that most evocative of days, Armistice Day."

For many years the nation rigorously observed the silence, halting work and bringing traffic to a standstill. In recent years it has been largely confined to those attending remembrance services but was reintroduced this year during the VE-Day and VJ-Day anniversary ceremonies with impressive effect.

At the Poppy Day launch at the House of Commons, Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, said that the campaign by the legion to ensure that the silence was observed on VE-Day captured the mood of the nation. Across the country people stood silent and the celebrations in Hyde Park were witnessed by millions.

But, as one observer commented, it was one thing for 130,000 people to stand quietly in Hyde Park, since that was the reason they were there; but it would not be until 40,000 people in a football stadium stood silent for the full two minutes that it would become plain the call had struck a chord.

Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, the legion's president, said: "The VE and VJ-Day celebrations were a tremendous success, with millions of people all over the country standing together in silence as a mark of respect, to remember the great sacrifice of those who had lost their lives in two world wars and to reflect upon our good fortune in enjoying the unparalleled period of peace."

But the legion stood for much more than remembrance, he said. Some 18 million people were able to call on its services, either as former servicemen and women or as their dependents. It was one of the country's most active charities, answering 180,000 calls for help every year.

Ian Cannell, the legion's chairman of fundraising, said that last year he had suggested that people should consider what the poppy represented and whether they ought not to increase their donations. In reponse the public had given £1.25 million more than in the previous year, an increase of 9 per cent.

To carry out its work last year the legion needed £26 million and this year it would need even more, Mr Cannell said. He urged people to ask themselves how much they paid for everyday things such as a sandwich or a pint of beer and how much they gave for their poppy. He said: "Think very carefully and ask yourself — how much is my poppy worth?"

Crew evacuated before passengers

By Jonathan Prynn, Transport Correspondent

A CROSS-Channel ferry company has been criticised for allowing dozens of off-duty crew members to evacuate a blazing ship ahead of passengers.

The passengers, who were travelling on the *Sally Star* when one of its engines caught fire last August, complained that they were not given priority in accordance with normal emergency procedures.

The findings of an official investigation, published yesterday, said officers had not been able to distinguish between off-duty crew and passengers. The report from the Marine Accident Investigation Branch of the Department of Transport recommended that, in future, all crew members should wear clear identification, such as luminous jackets, even when off-duty.

A spokesman for Sally Line, the ferry's operators, said that the master of the ship had decided that non-essential crew, including female duty-free shop assistants, should be taken off the stricken 9,000-tonne vessel on to the rescue boat first to help passengers. Bob McWilliams, Sally Line's fleet manager, said: "Normally we would let all the passengers off first but because there was only a small number of passengers they were not all required and the master made the decision to let them all off together."

The report also identified a number of technical failures that hampered efforts to put out the blaze in the engine room, which started when oil vapour was ignited by the ship's engine exhaust system. The Sally spokesman said that all the defects identified by the investigators had been rectified on the *Sally Star* and its seven sister ships, which sail between Ramsgate and Dunkirk and Ostend.

Graham Allen, Labour's shipping spokesman, yesterday criticised the report for failing to mention the closure of RAF Manston in Kent, which resulted in a 24-minute delay in rescue helicopters reaching the scene of the accident. "This report misses the big issue. Government cost cutting and deregulation is putting lives at risk," he said.

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Pro-hanging Tory willing to see innocent people die

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A TORY MP last night defended controversial remarks suggesting that he was prepared to see innocent people hang as the price for bringing back the death penalty.

Robert Spink, a parliamentary private secretary to Ann Widdecombe, a Home Office Minister, said in a speech in Felixstowe that even if someone convinced him that an innocent person might be hanged he would still support the death penalty to prevent "tens or hundreds" of innocent people from being murdered.

Calling for the restoration of capital punishment, Mr Spink said: "I do not expect we would ever have to hang an innocent person, but even if we did I would still be happy to vote for hanging because someone has to protect the maximum number of people in society."

Mr Spink's remarks came as a relief to Labour, still reeling from the cannabis gaffe of Clare Short, the Shadow Transport Secretary, and provided new ammunition in the party's campaign to show that the Tories have lurched to the Right. Other Tory MPs and ministers swiftly distanced themselves from Mr Spink's remarks.



Spink: convinced of deterrent value

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, said last night that such "extreme views" on capital punishment showed how far the Tory party had moved to the Right. "People will be appalled an astonished that he is calling for a system of punishment which condones the hanging of innocent people."

Mr Spink said in his speech: "The key question is whether innocent lives would be saved or lost if capital punishment were restored. Seventy-five convicted murderers released after serving their sentences have gone on to kill a second time. Therefore hanging would be a specific deterrent. I believe hanging would save more lives than would be lost. Hanging would improve the quality of justice. It would force the police and the courts to do a better job." He dismissed statistics which suggested that capital punishment had failed to deter murderers in America.

He went on: "The most difficult question to answer is whether you're prepared to hang an innocent person. Society expects us to make difficult decisions and I honestly believe we wouldn't hang innocent people. Capital punishment would only be used for the most vicious, inhuman, premeditated murders.

"At the end of the day, even if someone could convince me — and I don't think they can — that an innocent person might be hanged at some stage, if that would save tens or hundreds of innocent people from being murdered, that is a decision I would be prepared to take."

Last night he stood by his remarks. He said that MPs had to have the courage of their convictions and take decisions that would better protect society.

"Parliament legislated to enforce car seat-belts in order to save lives, even though we know that some accident injuries will be greater because a person is wearing a seat-belt. The same thing applies," he said. "I do not think an innocent person would be hanged. But even if that were to happen we still have to do what we think is right and protect society."



ALAN WELLER

Clare Short yesterday. Mr Spink's remarks brought Labour relief after her gaffe

Ulster jail Bill wins support

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

SIR PATRICK MAYHEW denied seeking concessions to terrorism as he called yesterday for the release of more than 90 prisoners from Northern Ireland's jails before Christmas.

A further 98 could be released next year and a total of about 340 by the end of the decade under the Northern Ireland (Remission of Sentences) Bill. The Bill is being seen as fillip for the deadlocked peace process, but Sir Patrick, the Northern Ireland Secretary, promised that the Government was not planning an amnesty.

Opening a debate on the Bill, which MPs have complained is being rushed too hastily through Parliament before the end of the session next week, he said: "This Bill makes no concession to terrorism at all." He assured MPs that those sentenced for the "most heinous offences" would remain in prison until at least 2010.

The Bill was supported with reservations by all sides. John Taylor, for the Ulster Unionists, said: "When the Home Secretary is going for a hardline attitude towards sentencing of criminals, there is, in Northern Ireland today, a more liberal regime as far as political prisoners are concerned."

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Worthy reforms fall short of a full solution

Parliament has always been to slow reform itself; but the pace of change is now accelerating — and not before time. Public satisfaction with the way Parliament performs has dropped sharply during the 1990s, according to the MORI poll for the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust's State of the Nation survey. These doubts are shared by many members of the Commons.

There is no shortage of critiques. But resistance has come not just from an executive resistant to losing control over its business but also from opposition MPs reluctant to give up familiar but, in practice ineffective, weapons of delay. It took nearly three years for the Jopling committee's proposals for streamlining the hours of the House to be implemented even as an experiment. The number of very late sittings has dropped sharply, changing the character of the Commons by concentrating votes, and hence high attendance, from Monday evening to late afternoon on Thursday. A survey by the Procedure Committee showed that nearly nine out of ten MPs broadly support the changes; on Thursday they are certain to be made permanent.

These reforms have not yet, however, addressed basic weaknesses in the scrutiny of the executive by the Commons or Parliament's inadequate handling of legislation. A weighty Hansard Society report, *Making the Law*, has largely been ignored. But Labour and the Liberal Democrats are preparing radical reform plans. And later this week, Charter 88 and Democratic Audit will publish *Reinventing Parliament: making the Commons more effective* by Professor Patrick Dunleavy. Like many reformers, he is too romantic about select committees and too ready to attack the (generally exaggerated) power of the whips. Party discipline is essential to making a parliamentary system work, and that inevitably limits the extent to which the Commons, and its committees, can control rather than scrutinise the executive. Its primary role is, after all, to provide a majority to sustain a government.

The virtue of Professor Dunleavy's report is that it concentrates on some practical, incremental changes. He suggests giving departmental select committees more of a pre-legislative role in organising the response to Government green papers. This will not prevent bad legislation but should do more to highlight flaws before it is too late. He also wants the standing of select committees to be strengthened by making them more independent of the whips and by paying their chairmen. Each select committee should be given two Commons slots of an hour per session. But Professor Dunleavy does not appear to be aware that three full days are already devoted to committee reports on estimates days and that, on Thursday, the House will agree to reports being debated on six Wednesday mornings a session. This would amount to more time than Professor Dunleavy proposes. The report also wants the resources of the National Audit Office to be made available to select committees, with the Public Accounts Committee focusing on auditing and general management work. These ideas are worth considering, though the real problem with select committees is not their powers or staff resources but the almost invariable preference of MPs of talent to serve in frontbench posts.

This report has echoes in a draft paper which Jeff Rooker, Labour's Shadow Deputy Leader of the Commons, has circulated for comment around fellow MPs. Mr Rooker wants to streamline the way the Commons works so that, like the American Congress, it sits more frequently during the year, though not for longer overall. He also wants to strengthen the role of committees in pre and post-legislative scrutiny. These ideas, under the title *A Really Useful Parliament*, are as important as Labour's constitutional reform plans. The Nolan inquiry's proposals on the outside interests of MPs have naturally attracted most public attention, but they are secondary to making the Commons more effective, and hence more respected by the public.

PETER RIDDELL

Tory 'lurch' detailed

JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR published details yesterday of what it sees as the Tories' shift to the Right.

In *The Death of One Nation Conservatism*, Labour listed the Government's tougher policies on immigration, Europe, benefit cuts and the NHS. It also published a list of Tory parliamentary candidates it says are more right-wing than their predecessors. Donald Dewar, Labour Chief Whip, said: "This Government is lurching to the Right. The Prime Minister consistently surrenders policy and principle."

The Tories rejected the claims with Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, accusing Labour of "running scared" of the Government's positive agenda.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to Welsh ministers, the Attorney-General and Foreign Office ministers. Debate on the Northern Ireland (Remission of Sentences) Bill, second reading.

In the Lords: Ministerial and other Salaries Order; the Queen Mary and Westfield College Bill, third reading; the Charities (Amendment) Bill, committee; Atomic Energy Authority Bill, third reading; Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries) Bill, report; Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill, committee; Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Approved Investments) (Amendment) Regulations.

TODAY in the Commons: questions to health ministers and Prime Minister; Disability Discrimination Bill, Lords amendments; Proceeds of Crime (Scotland) Bill, all stages; Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Bill, all stages; Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill, all stages; Criminal Procedure (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, all stages; Statute Law (Repeals) Bill, all stages; Law Reform (Succession) Bill, remaining stages; Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, remaining stages; and Civil Evidence Bill, remaining stages.

In the Lords: Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill, report; and Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill, committee.

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Ulster jail Bill wins support

By ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

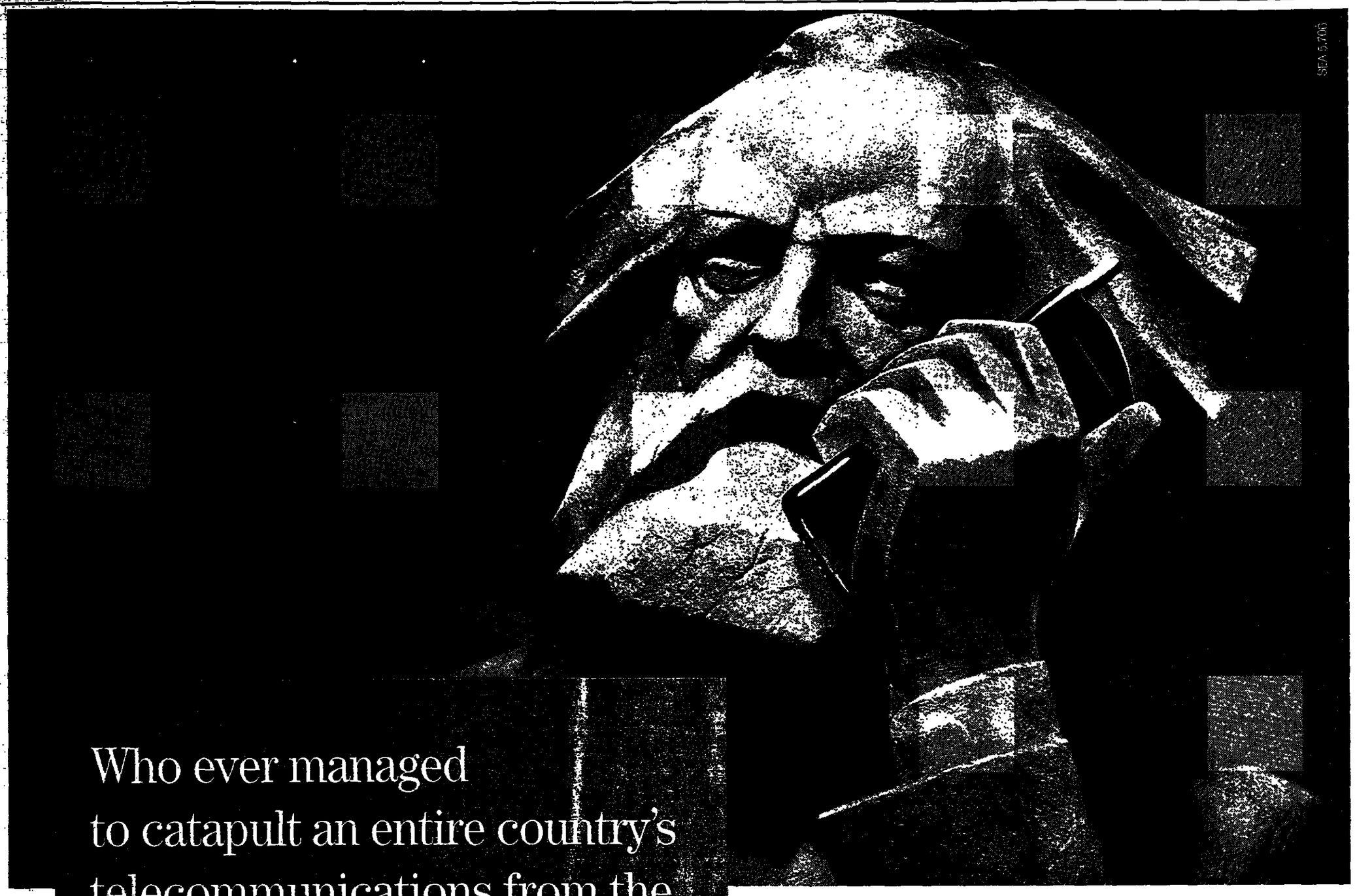
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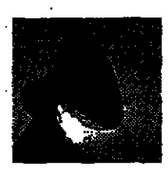
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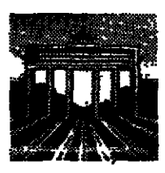
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French strategy is to use European integration to contain German power

Major still takes second place in Chirac affections

BY GEORGE BROCK, EUROPEAN EDITOR

EVER *since John Major* became Prime Minister five years ago, he has been trying to prise apart the Franco-German diplomatic marriage in Europe and turn it into a *ménage à trois*. After 24 heady hours in the company of Jacques Chirac, he plainly thinks that the affair is now warming up.

The personal chemistry between John and Jacques is good and comes as a great relief to the British side after a decade-and-a-half of coping *with François Mitterrand's* combination of private affability and public frostiness.

A real Anglo-French co-operation on defence is well *under way and strong enough* now to move deeper into the ultra-sensitive subject of swapping and perhaps even sharing nuclear strategy and expertise. The developing *French hostility to the lowering* of border controls within the European Union comes as a welcome help to similar British resistance.

But diplomatic flirtations are just as volatile and unpredictable as human relationships. President Chirac has none of M Mitterrand's hauteur and is clubbably affable *with everybody. Relations between Britain and France may* be warming up, but the significance of what is happening can be seen only against the *whole picture of EU alliances, flirtations and partnerships.* And it is in the area of EU policies — where Mr Major most deperately needs French help — *that the new entente is at its weakest.*

Although people seldom raise these inconvenient facts during the Major-Chirac meetings, this French Govern*ment has made clear that its relationship with Britain takes* second place to its relationship with Germany.

In a little-noticed speech in the late summer, Alain Juppé, *the French Prime Minister,* told a gathering of France's ambassadors that, while better co-operation with Britain was necessary and desirable, *the link with London would never replace the special relationship with Germany.* The active M Chirac went to dinner with Helmut Kohl in Bonn last week and reassured *him that France was determined to meet the stiff tests to* qualify for monetary union.

Whether Herr Kohl believed him is another question, *but there is not much "convergence"* with Britain there. M Chirac went on television in France the next evening to underline his faith in European integration: "I have always thought that Europe would not safeguard its values, its existence, its independence, if it did not ceaselessly reinforce the links that hold it together." Not much echo of Mr Major's rhetoric there.

British officials can claim, as they did again yesterday, that London and Paris are approaching next year's conference to write a second version of the Maastricht treaty in a "similar" frame of mind. They agree that there is a straight disagreement over whether *the EU should make more decisions by majority vote,* but say that on defence, frontiers and immigration differences may fade away.

In the haggling over EU *treaties, however, the devil is* in the detail. What still distinguishes the Franco-German relationship from all others inside the EU is the degree of effort that both *partners will make to accommodate* the other. Offered a choice between an endgame compromise crafted by Herr Kohl and one designed by Mr Major, M Chirac will choose the German one. That will remain true unless France's entire postwar strategy of using European integration to contain Germany unravels.

M Chirac's arrival in power was a bonus for Mr Major, but not a transformation. I recently quoted the French Prime Minister's speech that *put Anglo-French relations* second to Franco-German ties to a senior British diplomat. "Well, being in second place in French affections behind *Germany is better than not* being mentioned at all," he replied. That is a more accurate assessment than most of the hyperbole generated yesterday.

CHRIS HARRIS



John Major and President Chirac leave 10 Downing Street yesterday on their way to a joint press conference

Petition to sue Chirac rejected

Paris: A court here has rejected a ratepayer's petition for permission to sue President Chirac over his flat (Ben Macintyre writes). The Chiracs moved into the flat in 1977 and continued to live there at the same low rent after it was sold in 1990 to a company partly owned by Paris. It has been suggested that M Chirac may have used his influence as Mayor to arrange the sale to avoid higher rent.

Report on Srebrenica clears Dutch

BY ROGER BOYES

THE Dutch Government yesterday cleared its soldiers of blame over the massacre of thousands of Bosnian Muslims during the fall of Srebrenica last summer. It accused the United Nations, however, of failing to provide adequate support for its "safe areas".

The long-awaited report, based on interviews with 460 Dutch UN peacekeepers in Bosnia-Herzegovina, will go some way towards soothing the national uproar about the behaviour of the Dutch battalion. The lightly armed Dutch peacekeepers had to stand by as Bosnian Serbs overran the town and separated military-aged Muslim men from the rest of the population. The prisoners were later taken out of the town in lorries and many were killed.

Joris Voorhoeve, the Defence Minister, in a formal letter to parliament accompanying the report, said serious war crimes had been committed by the Bosnian Serbs but that in most cases they had not been witnessed by Dutch peacekeepers. "The number of men killed cannot yet be established, but may be several thousand ... there is strong evidence to suggest mass executions and the existence of mass graves outside the enclave."

The minister said the Dutch battalion was in a "hopeless position" against the Bosnian Serb Army. The true failure was not that of the Dutch peacekeepers, but of the UN. "The way in which the United Nations and its members implemented the concept of the so-called safe areas failed dismally," he said. He also said Nato air cover had come too late, despite repeated requests to senior UN commanders.

☐ **Zagreb:** President Tudjman of Croatia was yesterday celebrating the election triumph of his Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) after a snap general election, which analysts said was called to capitalise on the recapture of almost all the Serb-occupied territory (Adam LeBor writes).

Early returns showed the HDZ winning 43 per cent of the vote, after about 40 per cent of Sunday's ballot pepers had been counted.

Single currency to be named Euro

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

TWELVE of the 15 European Union states have now agreed to call the new single currency the "Euro" and national leaders are expected to approve the name formally at the Madrid summit in December.

According to sources close to the European Monetary Institute in Frankfurt — the embryo of a future European central bank — the name "ecu" is doomed despite continuing support from the French. "The French attachment to the ecu is purely sentimental and has to be balanced against the very serious need to sell the future currency to the people and the markets," said a Frankfurt-based financial expert.

The institute will complete its proposals for a transition to a common European currency by the middle of next month and put its ideas to European economic and finance Ministers. They are likely to adopt the institute's ideas and recommend them to heads of government for approval in Madrid.

The introduction of the single currency — and the surrender of the mark — is set to become an important issue in the next German elections, scheduled for October 1998. The opposition Social Democrats are pushing for an early parliamentary debate on the issue and are demanding guarantees that the new European currency will not be a weak substitute for the mark. This is little more than an attempt to out-trump the German Government and Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister.

Herr Waigel is campaigning to ensure that entrants to European monetary union keep to the Maastricht convergence criteria: but ultimately it is he who will abandon the mark, and he is therefore vulnerable at the ballot box.



Waigel: vulnerable at the ballot box

£15m furniture mountain

BY MICHAEL DYNES

MORE than £15 million of office furniture is sitting unused in the European Commission's mothballed Berlaymont headquarters in Brussels, it was disclosed yesterday.

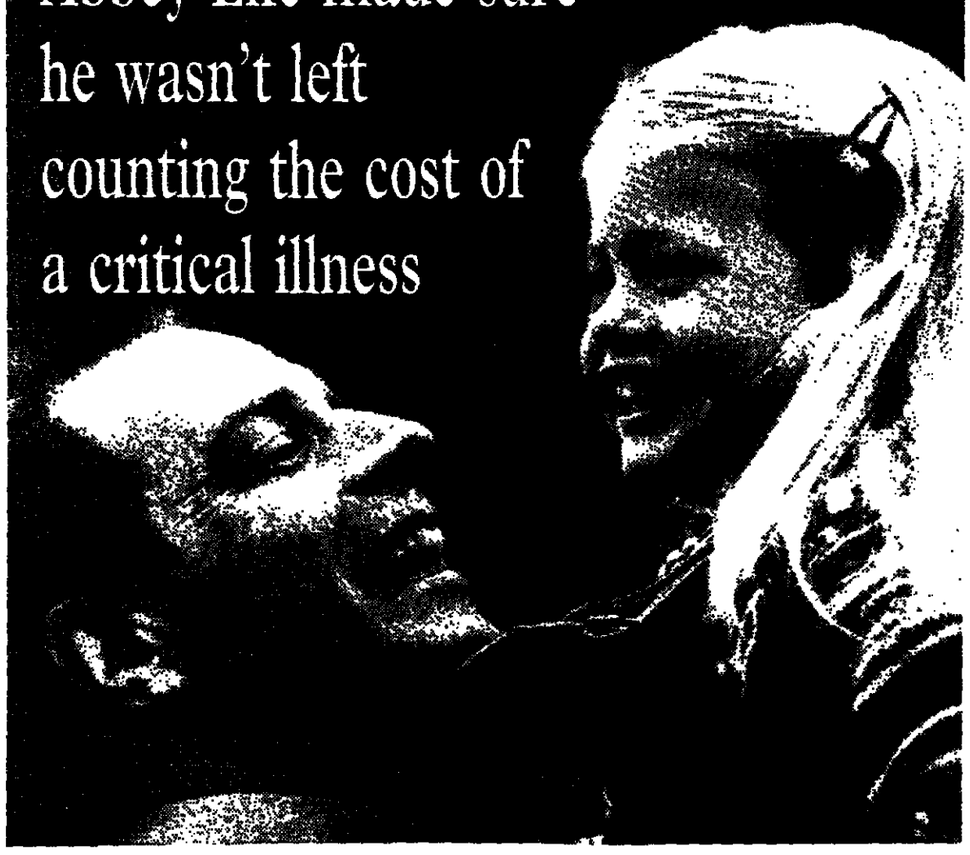
The equipment was abandoned in 1991 after the Commission was forced to evacuate its flagship building because of the health hazard presented by nearly 3,000 tonnes of asbestos used in its construction. Commission officials yesterday confirmed the disclosures, which will be included in the annual Court of Auditors report in two weeks' time. The document from the European Union's financial watchdog catalogues the amount of fraud, waste and mismanagement by EU institutions.

However, officials deny claims that an estimated £140 million of furniture and other equipment went missing when the Commission's 15,000 Berlaymont staff were decanted into 60 offices around Brussels.

Allegations that the Court of Auditors report reveals that thousands of "moveable assets" vanished during the exodus from the Berlaymont were categorically rejected by the Commission. The auditors' report does confirm, however, that a computer system will soon be installed allowing Brussels to keep track of all Commission property, which has been difficult to monitor while the staff have been scattered around Brussels.

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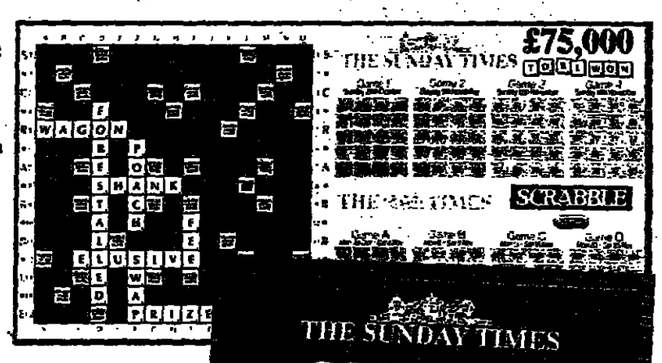
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Heseltine orders audit to assess Britain's skills base

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government is to compare the specific skill levels of the UK workforce and the performance of young people in Britain against those in other countries.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, has asked the Cabinet Office's competitiveness unit to undertake the international skills audit after hearing that business leaders are worried about the training and education standards of young people in Britain, especially 16 to 18-year-olds. In the study, Britain's workforce skill levels, as well as its training and education standards for young people, will be directly compared with those of successful competitor countries.

Ministers are concerned that the move is high-risk politically because it may indicate that Britain has performed relatively poorly since the Conservatives came to power in 1979.

The Deputy Prime Minister took with him responsibility for Britain's industrial competitiveness on leaving the Department of Trade and Industry where he was President of the Board of Trade.

Officials at the unit, working with staff from the Department for Education and Employment, as well as the DTI and Treasury, will draw up details of Britain's skills base, and the basic qualifications for employment of young people, and compare them directly with those achieved in several other countries, including France, Germany, America and Singapore.

The project will include overseas study visits. A team of Whitehall officials recently examined skills levels in France. The findings will be a centrepiece of the Government's third successive annual White Paper on Competitiveness, which Mr Heseltine plans to publish early next summer.

He is understood to acknowledge privately the risks of direct comparisons with other countries. Ministers and Whitehall officials sceptical about the idea of national competitiveness believe that it offers ammunition for attacks by competitors and political opponents.

The Treasury is understood to be particularly concerned that any gap in Britain's educational and training performance might imply a need for considerable extra spending to rectify it.

The Labour Party is also likely to seize on any competitiveness gap identified by the study as clear evidence of what they see as the failure of government policy.

But Mr Heseltine insists that if Britain is to aim for world-class standards, it must know where it stands against the competition.

The Cabinet Office last night confirmed that the competitiveness unit was carrying out the study. It accepted that it might identify a gap between Britain and other countries, but emphasised Mr Heseltine's determination to find out the full facts as an essential prerequisite of improved performance. The DFEE said the skills audit would be important in determining future skills needs.

The Deputy Prime Minister will emphasise what he sees as the central importance of Britain's competitiveness when he addresses the Confederation of British Industry's annual conference in Birmingham in a fortnight's time.

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Guilty pleas expected from Leeson

BY ROBERT MILLER

NICK LEESON, the trader blamed for the £860 million collapse of Barings Bank, is expected to plead guilty to some of the 11 charges of forgery and cheating that he faces in Singapore.

On that basis, he might expect to be sentenced to between four and six years in prison if convicted, instead of the maximum 14 years that the offences carry. If, however, Mr Leeson pleaded not guilty and was subsequently convicted he might receive a higher sentence. Under Singapore's system, Mr Leeson could also expect to have his sentence reduced by a third for good behaviour. Whether he would be allowed to count the time that he has spent in custody in Germany since early March is not clear.

Mr Leeson, who has been held in custody in Frankfurt since he was intercepted on his way back to Britain, announced on Sunday that he was abandoning attempts to avoid extradition to Singapore and apologised to "all Singaporeans for having doubted I would receive a fair trial".

The change of emphasis by Mr Leeson's legal team, headed by Stephen Pollard of Kingsley Napley, has been prompted by the report into the Barings crash, commissioned by Singapore's Ministry of Finance, that was published this month. The report made clear that the senior management of Barings was almost as much to blame for the eventual collapse of the 233-year-old merchant bank as the 28-year old trader from Watford.

Inspectors from Price Waterhouse said that had the bank's executives been more vigilant and exercised tighter control over Mr Leeson, the fiasco might never have happened. In effect, the Singapore report was saying simply that Mr Leeson alone could never have brought the bank down without the "institutional incompetence" displayed by Barings's managers in Singapore and London.

Mr Pollard yesterday confirmed that John Koh, a former director of Singapore's Commercial Affairs Department (CAD), which is still investigating the events that led to the collapse, had been retained as lead defence counsel. As part of his brief, Mr Koh will meet Singapore's prosecuting authorities although plea bargaining for lesser charges to be brought is not on the cards.

Mr Koh's primary task will be to set the scene for a mitigation plea when Mr Leeson, who is expected to return to Singapore from Germany by the end of November, appears in court. His lawyers will point out that he is prepared to answer all questions fully either in Germany or on his return to Singapore. He is also going back to Singapore voluntarily and he has publicly apologised to the nation for the role he played.

It is also possible that James Bax, Mr Leeson's boss in the Barings Far East office, might also appear in the dock with him. CAD has said that it would mount a prosecution against anyone that it believed to have committed "criminal acts". Mr Bax, who is in Singapore with his family, having surrendered his passport, and Peter Norris, the former group chief executive officer of Barings, were both heavily criticised in the Singapore inspectors' report.

All the resources that remain from the £450,000 that Mr Leeson received from a book deal will be directed at achieving the best possible outcome in Singapore. Now that Mr Leeson is to return to Singapore, his legal advisers in Germany, including Eberhard Kempf, who had been preparing a final appeal against extradition, will be stood down.

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FIONA HANSON/PA



Down to work: Sir George Young, Secretary of State for Transport, lends a helping hand to construction workers engaged on digging the tunnels for the Jubilee Line Underground extension under Waterloo Station, London, yesterday. The extension, about halfway into its planned construction life, is due to be opened in March 1998

Tax plea follows big job losses

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

ENGINEERING leaders yesterday warned Kenneth Clarke against making imprudent tax cuts in the Budget as they forecast a further 20,000 job losses in the industry.

The warning from the EEF engineering employers follows similar statements from other business leaders against the Budget being primarily for short-term political gain at the expense of economic growth.

Graham Mackenzie, EEF director-general, said industry was "especially anxious that there should not be tax cuts for consumers and employees at the expense of business" and he cautioned in particular against suggestions in Whitehall that the Government will virtually halt public capital spending in large infrastructure projects.

In its twice-yearly economic trends report, the EEF forecasts about 20,000 job cuts in the next 12 months, despite continued output growth, with engineering production set to increase 3 per cent over the next year.

After rising 2 per cent in the first half of this year, it said that employment in the industry has now levelled off at 1.77 million and is set to fall to 1.75 million. Investment is predicted to grow strongly throughout 1996 after a 20 per cent rise in the 18 months to the second quarter of 1995.

Ian Thompson, EEF economics adviser, said for the whole economy, recovery after the recession had been long but slow, but that there was no reason for it to end. But Ian McCartney, Labour employment spokesman, said: "At a time when the majority of new jobs are part-time or temporary, Britain cannot afford to lose skilled, full-time jobs on such a huge scale."

Oiecs set to invade cosy world of trusts

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

MEET the Oiec. Not, as the name sounds, a person with no appreciation of the finer things in life. But an open-ended investment company, a new kind of collective investment which aspires to take the place of the unit trust.

The Securities and Investments Board (Sib), the chief City watchdog, yesterday published a consultative document outlining the proposals for the development of the Oeic market, a move which will bring a radical shake-up to the £100 billion unit trust industry, enabling it to sell its wares more competitively in the European Union and elsewhere. The proposals are likely to be implemented by the summer of 1996.

Unlike unit trusts which have two prices (the bid and the offer), Oeics have a single price, a detail which, the Sib claims, should make them more attractive to investors in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in Europe.

In the document, the SIB describes them as "simpler to understand", offering "greater flexibility" and "the same degree of investor protection as unit trusts".

The document was welcomed by the Association of Investment Trust Companies (Aitc) but with two provisos.

The association insists that investment trusts should not be placed at a competitive disadvantage with Oiecs and that there is effective investor protection. It also proposes that the name Oiec be replaced with Invac (investment company with variable capital).

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Warning by water watchdog

THE water industry regulator expressed concern yesterday at the low level of investment by the privatised companies and said a more reliable service should be provided without any increase in prices (George Sivell writes).

Ian Byatt, Director-General of Water Services, said that if companies make higher profits than envisaged from future price limits they should consider sharing the money with customers.

In his annual financial report, Mr Byatt says that investment by companies in 1994-95 was £2.5 billion, down from £2.9 billion in 1993-94 and the peak £3.4 billion in 1991-92. He said: "The drought has shown the need to provide a more reliable service for customers, this should be done without any increase in prices."

Mr Byatt reckons profits in real terms have risen 40 per cent in the five years since privatisation although dividends fell 4 per cent in real terms from 1993-94 to 1994-95.

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Deal clinched with Irish financier after two-year hunt for buyer

Mowlem sells London City Airport for £14.5m

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

JOHN MOWLEM, the construction company, yesterday announced the £14.5 million sale of London City Airport to Desmond Dermot, an Irish financier, after a two-year hunt for a buyer.

The price is £5.5 million below the book value of £20 million, reflecting Mowlem's struggle to find a buyer for the loss-making airport, which has cost the company £80 million since opening in 1987.

The announcement was greeted with relief in the City and Mowlem's share price rose 7p to 63p at close of trading. Mowlem said: "It was the best price the company could find at the moment and we wanted to conclude a deal as quickly as possible. The £5.5 million book loss is equivalent to a year's losses at the airport."

The sale forms part of a restructuring plan by Ken Minton, the new chairman, which will see Mowlem concentrate on its core scaffolding and construction operations. The company announced a £32 million half-year loss in September, which led to John Marshall, chief executive, leaving earlier this month.

Mr Minton said: "London City Airport has been diverting attention from the development of the underlying profitable core businesses for some years. The disposal and our recently announced senior management changes will allow Mowlem's skills to be focused on creating value for shareholders."

While the airport's performance has improved in recent years and passenger numbers are predicted to reach record levels of 550,000 this year, it has yet to show an operating profit. It lost £4.2 million in 1994 and £1.3 million for the first half of 1995.

Under the terms of the contract agreed with Mr Desmond, the existing airport management will remain in place. William Charnock, managing director of London City Airport, said: "The arrival of an owner whose total focus is on the airport is good news. It should help us further develop the business and attract new airlines and new routes."

Mr Desmond was not available for comment. He runs a number of investment vehicles including Pembroke Capital, which provides specialist financial advice to the aviation industry and was formerly a non-executive chairman of Aer Rianta, the Irish Republic's state-owned airport authority.

Earlier this year, Mr Desmond sold NCB, his merchant bank, to Ulster Bank for £14 million and subsequently became a major shareholder in Celtic football club.

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Debt fears delay most first-time home buys

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

FEAR of taking on debt is the prime reason why prospective first-time buyers are not entering the property market, according to a survey published yesterday by the Council of Mortgage Lenders, the home-loan industry's trade body.

Other main concerns included the employment situation and anxiety about falling behind with repayments. *On the Move*, the survey, carried out by the British Market Research Bureau, sought to discover reasons why the housing market remains moribund.

About 41 per cent of the 25-34-year-olds questioned cited employment worries as their reason for staying away from the housing market. This is the group traditionally seen as the most likely to embrace home ownership. But, among this age group and others, the reluctance did not appear to be a lifelong aversion.

Although most said that they would not be buying in the near future, 84 per cent said that they wanted to be owner occupiers in ten years' time. The expectation that house prices would fall or remain the same over the next two years was shared by 54 per cent of those questioned.

The 2,000 respondents were asked about their likelihood of moving within the next two years. Only 9 per cent said they were in the process of buying, with about 8 per cent declaring themselves "very likely to buy" and 9 per cent "fairly likely to buy". The rest were, in the main, "not at all likely to buy" (56 per cent) and "not very likely to buy" (17 per cent). **Pennington, Page 27**

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	2.03
Austria Sch	16.66	15.16
Belgium Fr	48.70	44.40
Canada $	2.256	2.096
Cyprus Cypf ..	0.748	0.693
Denmark Kr	9.23	8.43
Finland Mkk ..	7.27	6.62
France Fr	8.12	7.47
Germany Dm ..	2.37	2.17
Greece Dr	381.00	356.00
Hong Kong $ ..	12.82	11.82
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.1763	4.5263
Italy Lira	2615.00	2460.00
Japan Yen	175.00	159.00
Malta	0.594	0.539
Netherlds Gld	2.644	2.414
New Zealand $	2.53	2.31
Norway Kr	10.41	9.61
Portugal Esc ..	246.00	227.50
S Africa Rd	nil	5.42
Spain Pta	199.50	186.50
Sweden Kr	11.06	10.26
Switzerland Fr	1.93	1.75
Turkey Lira	refer	77593.0
USA $	1.672	1.542

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ADRIAN BROOKS



Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the European Commissioner for monetary union, at Chatham House in London yesterday, where he told the audience that a single European currency will not be imposed by Brussels but that Britain should not believe it would not happen.

Merrett names line up for landmark Lloyd's ruling

BY SARAH BAGNALL

NEARLY 2,000 Lloyd's names, including Adam Faith and Sir Rocco Forte, will hear today whether they have won their High Court action claiming compensation for losses of up to £300 million.

The case, brought by names on Merrett syndicate 418 in 1985, represents the first of the "long tail" actions to reach court and, as a result, is expected to set precedent.

The 1,932 names allege negligence against Stephen Merrett, the syndicate's underwriter and a former deputy chairman of Lloyd's, his agency, the Merrett Underwriting Agency, and about 60 Lloyd's agencies.

The names also allege wrongful closure of earlier years of account by Ernst & Whinney, the syndicate's auditor, which is now part of Ernst & Young.

The group is the first to take legal action against syndicate auditors. If the action is successful, it is likely to pave the way for accountancy firms to make a sizeable contribution to bolster the £2.8 billion settlement package offered to names.

The Lloyd's long-tail actions relate to losses arising from asbestosis and pollution claims, principally emanating from America.

They are called long-tail because it can take decades for the claims to emerge. Under the Lloyd's structure, syndicate years are "closed" after three years of trading unless their losses are unquantifiable, and then the year is left open and the losses stay with the names underwriting in that particular year. In the case of syndicate 418, the year was left open in 1988, landing the full brunt of years of mounting losses on the names underwritting that year. The action group members say that earlier years of accounts should have been left open.

The claim partly relies on an infamous letter written by Neville Russell on behalf of a panel of auditors to Lloyd's in 1982.

The letter stated that there were no means of quantifying the liabilities arising from asbestosis and pollution. Ernst & Whinney was on the panel.

The claim of negligent underwriting relates to 11 run-off reinsurance contracts written in 1982.

These contracts resulted in the Merrett syndicate taking on all the liabilities of 11 syndicates. The losses incurred as a result, were passed on to names writing in 1985 through the process of closing the 1982 account.

The case started in early April and the litigants represent about half of the names underwriting in 1985.

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Canadian markets go on panic alert

BY RICHARD THOMSON

CANADIAN financial markets were braced for panic yesterday in anticipation of a vote by Quebec in favour of independence from the rest of the country.

Analysts predicted a steep fall in the Canadian dollar and bond markets, a downgrading of Canadian debt and a rise in interest rates as the Bank of Canada prepared to protect the currency in the event of the province voting to secede.

There were reports of a run on Canadian banks in the province as Quebec's citizens rushed to change their Canadian dollars into US dollars. International investors were also poised to scramble out of the currency.

"Everyone is panicking," said Jodi Schenck, a dealer at Toronto Dominion Bank in New York. "Spreads in Canadian dollars and bonds are so wide you can drive a truck through them. Volatility is wild."

Although the Canadian currency traded at around 73.5 cents to the US dollar for most of yesterday, dealers said that uncertainty was breeding volatility. The question of who owns Canadian Government and Quebec debt was of key concern.

Yves Fortier, a former Canadian Ambassador to the UN, said that there would be uncertainty after an independence yes vote as trade treaties with the US and Mexico would have to be renegotiated.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

RTZ subsidiary to sell US Silica

RTZ CORPORATION, the worldwide metals and mining group based in Britain, announced yesterday that its RTZ Borax division is to sell US Silica for up to $140 million. US Borax has agreed to sell US Silica to D George Harris and Associates for $120 million in cash. Further deferred payments have been negotiated with the buyers of a maximum of $20 million.

D George Harris is a business based in New York that specialises in inorganic chemicals and minerals. US Silica is a regional supplier of silica sand in North America. However, the operation was seen as incompatible with RTZ's emphasis on international operations that are large in relation to their industry, RTZ said. The transaction, which excludes the Floridin Company, will make no material change to the financial position of RTZ Corporation, the company added. Floridin was revealed yesterday to be the subject of a separate transaction.

PIA plan on charges

A NEW regime for the disclosure of charges on unit trusts, personal equity plans (Peps) linked to unit trusts and investment trust savings schemes is proposed in a consultation document from the Personal Investment Authority (PIA). The guidelines are designed to make clearer to investors the sum and impact on returns of management charges. The PIA is inviting comments on *Product and Commission Disclosure* (price £15, tel: 0171-418 5244), which should be implemented next June. Pennington, page 27

Club Med optimistic

CLUB MEDITERRANEE, the French package holiday company, said that the signals coming from Paris were positive over the take-up of its rights issue which was launched yesterday. Club Med has seen its share price slide during the past three months because of fears over the impact of nuclear testing in the south Pacific but, yesterday, the price improved Fr23 to Fr400.50. Club Med said it was hopeful the fears would abate. It plans to use the money from the one-for-five rights issue to open 20 new resorts.

Campari cuts losses

CAMPARI INTERNATIONAL, the troubled leisure and sportswear manufacturer, yesterday revealed it had managed to cut losses from £3.6 million to £860,000 in the six months to June 30. The loss included a £500,000 charge for the refinancing package organised in July. The share price rose ½p to 27p. The reduction in loss was achieved in spite of a drop in sales from £17.5 million to £15.5 million. Losses fell because of clearance of old stock and a reduction in overheads. There is no interim dividend.

Brockbank in talks

BROCKBANK GROUP, the Lloyd's of London managing agency listed on Aim, has confirmed it is in talks with various parties interested in providing capital to the group. The announcement follows speculation that it is in takeover talks with Mid Ocean, the Bermudan reinsurance firm that recently opened an office in London. Brockbank refused to comment about Mid Ocean. In a statement it said it was the firm's stated intention to seek investors in its business.

JKX Oil passes payout

JKX OIL & GAS, the exploration company headed by Robert Horton, former chief executive of BP, incurred a loss of £484,000 in its first six months as a listed company. There is no dividend. The company, which operates in the former Soviet Union, sold 200,000 barrels of oil from the Poltava project in the Ukraine in the six months to June 30. However, the revenue, classified as "test production", was not booked as turnover. JKX is still exploring in Western Georgia.

BAT plans factory in Romania

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN BUCHAREST

BAT INDUSTRIES has won a 99-year concession on a plot of land in Romania's oil city of Ploiesti with plans to build a cigarette factory there, the Romanian Development Agency (ARD) said.

Dana Dragostin, an ARD executive, said Ploiesti municipality had held a tender for the concession which BAT won, pledging to build the factory from scratch in a $70 million investment.

Romania expects a tobacco crop of 16,000 tonnes in 1995, up from about 15,000 tonnes in 1994 and sharply below a communist-era peak of up to 37,000 tonnes.

The country forecasts imports of up to 8,000 tonnes of tobacco this year to meet local demand.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, the US tobacco giant, opened a factory in Bucharest earlier this year in a $40 million investment.

The Reynolds factory can produce about 480 million cigarettes a year for Eastern Europe's second-largest market after Poland, where annual consumption has been put at an estimated 80 billion cigarettes.

Few takers for football club float

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

THE proposed stock market flotation of Preston North End, one of the great names in English football history, on the Alternative Investment Market for small and growing companies has received a luke-warm reception from private investors.

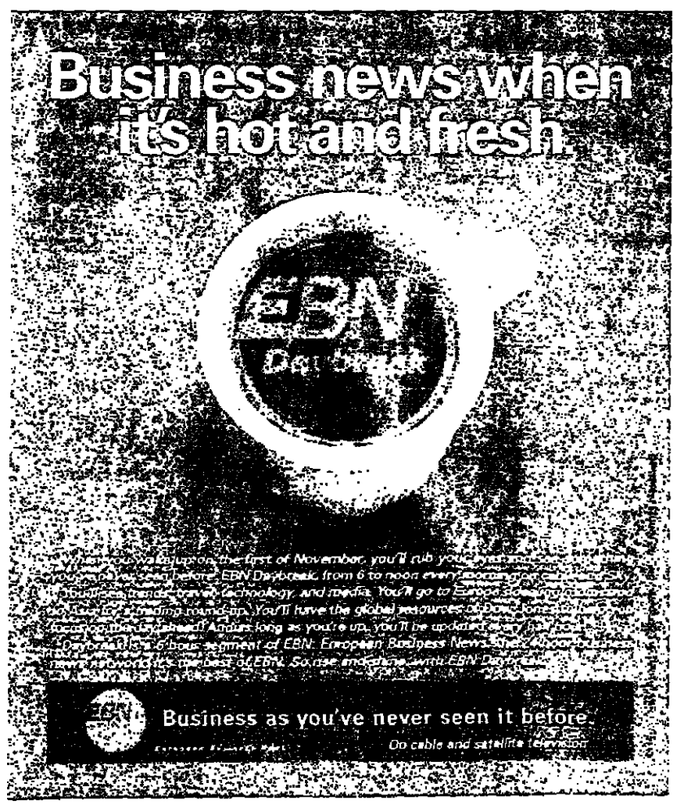
The Third Division football club said just 1,064 individuals had applied for a total of 159,700 shares priced at £4 each, which will raise £638,800 before expenses.

Underwriters are planning to apply for a further 224,050 shares to raise £896,200 to make up the £1,535,000 the club had intended to raise from the public offer.

The disappointing level of interest from private investors highlights the past miseries of investors who put their money into quoted football clubs. Manchester United is a rare success story for investors, but the likes of Tottenham Hotspur and Millwall paint a sorry picture.

Share dealing on the Alternative Investment Market is due to begin on November 6.

The public share offer and an earlier placing of stock with institutions means Preston has raised £4 million.



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☐ British Gas faces stiff competition ☐ Young fight shy of mortgage commitment ☐ Open-ended question for the SIB

Power to Gas rivals' elbow

☐ THEY all do it, you know. It is not just British Gas that sends its underlings knocking on doors to persuade the householder to buy an expensive new piece of kit. The various electricity companies have been wise to this particular trick for years.

A number offer a free service whereby you can have your wires tested. Surprisingly, even the most up-to-date home has the odd little defect tucked away that should really, in the interests of absolute safety, you understand, be put right. The companies themselves will provide an immediate estimate.

Now British Gas, apparently not sated by months of public relations disasters, has been caught at this shameful game. Shameful, because while serious safety problems are rare, most households of any age have the odd fault that ought, in the course of time, to be put right. Where gas and electricity are concerned, it is all too easy to persuade the timid, the vulnerable and the credulous that the danger is significant, so is the job, and it must be done now.

British Gas has no monopoly in gas appliance servicing. Corgi, the body approved by the Health and Safety Executive to maintain a register of competent gas installers, has 49,000 names on its books. But because of the high cost of replacing a boiler, and the immense inconvenience caused by a winter breakdown, more than three million home owners are willing to stump up over £100 a year to British Gas for contract maintenance.

Happily, that should soon start to change. The revelation about the sad little commissions offered to engineers to peddle new appliances, combined with looming increases in premiums, should bring in true competition. Contract maintenance is a welcome development for the consumer. But if industrial markets are any guide, it is only an intermediate step towards a much more attractive answer to the task of heating a home, bearing the grand title of facilities management.

No householder needs a boiler. Rather, he or she wants a warm home and hot water on tap, at minimal cost. So the logical next step is a leased heating system owned and maintained by the supplier for a fixed annual sum. Enormous advantages would arise for the consumer. Contractors would have buying power to force down prices and improve standards of reliability. They would force cowboy builders out of the installation market, and they could fund the progressive replacement of outdated appliances by modern, energy-efficient units.

Services of this kind require well-managed, well-funded companies to enter the market. Government plans to open up the supply of domestic gas to competition, starting in the first trial area next April, will give such companies power to tackle British Gas head on. If they offer cheaper gas *and* a quality maintenance service British Gas customers will desert in droves. As, indeed, they should.

Shunning debt on the doorstep

☐ THE news is reassuring. The housing market may be moribund, but reports of its death are exaggerated. While there is disenchantment among the twenty- and thirty-somethings who a decade ago would have been queueing up at their local building society, this is based on entirely reasonable fears about



debt and unemployment rather than a sudden aversion to bricks and mortar.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders' study also suggests that the public, that's heavens, is beginning to see property as shelter, rather than as an investment and a potential source of huge profits — for "nesting, rather than investing", as the folksier element among the building societies would put it.

At the same time, home ownership, although not an immediate goal for most, is still an eventual ambition. Debt may be the number one fear, nurtured by horror stories from their peers about negative equity, but most accept they will one day settle down as homeowners.

That fear, expressed most strongly by those in their late twenties and early thirties, gives the best indication of changing attitudes. Which borrower in the mid-1980s, merrily signing on the dotted line for his endowment mortgage, regarded the process as a descent into debt?

The mortgage was meant to shrink, as against the value of the property, while generous pay rises would lessen the burden of monthly repayments. The subsequent suffering has served as an object lesson to those now coming of an age for home ownership. Who can wonder if they are less than keen?

Government help for housing might make them feel otherwise — or so the mortgage lenders would claim. Having already asked the Chancellor for tax breaks and incentives, they have made sure that the survey's respondents join in the call. The survey calls for tax relief for those in negative equity. Stamp duty, surprise, is no more popular than any other form of tax.

Some habits are harder to break than others. We may no longer believe house prices are guaranteed to rise, but we remain convinced that the Government will again smile on the housing market.

What's in a name?

☐ IN THE initial-strewn corridors of personal investment, all is in a name. The most interesting issue raised by the Securities and Investment Board's consultation document on the latest ugly acronym to emerge is just what the beast should be called.

Open-ended investment companies now pass under the yobbish-sounding appellation of OEICs. These are in essence a unit trust wrapped up in a corporate body rather than a legal trust, and the SIB has been toiling to define the rules under which they can be sold.

They have a threefold advantage over the humble unit trust. They will not be so heavily regulated and they will be quoted at a single all-in price, rather than as a bid-offer split, so that you see is what you pay.

They will allow the UK personal finance industry to expand overseas. The law surrounding trusts is one of the English legal system's little foibles, and is little understood elsewhere, while corporate vehicles of an open nature, rather than closed like investment trusts, already exist on the Continent.

Because investment trusts are closed, their share prices ride up and down according to the performance of their individual constituents. Unit trust managers must cancel units and dispose of shares if the price falls too far, which is not usually to the advantage of the remaining investors. Some are calling for the new beast to go by the umbrella title of Investment Fund Company. That sounds too vague for a vehicle whose nature, SIB itself accepts, should be clearly flagged to the punter.

Trading places

☐ NICK LEESON, having sewn up the book deal and sold the film rights, is heading back to Singapore to get the small matter of his porridge out of the way before he can emerge again as a celebrity. His time behind bars may be reduced by a third or more for good behaviour. How strange, given the jail's awesome reputation, that at Changi there should be anything other than good behaviour.

Icahn acts to split up vulnerable Nabisco

BY RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

CARL ICAHN, the legendary corporate raider, and Bennet LeBow, who runs the Brooke Group launched a campaign yesterday to put pressure on RJR Nabisco to hive-off its foods division from its beleaguered tobacco interests.

Nabisco is the eighth largest food company in the world and had sales last year of $7.7 billion.

The announcement ends weeks of speculation about Mr Icahn's intentions towards the conglomerate since he received Securities and Exchange Commission permission in September to build a substantial shareholding. It is the first big corporate move made by Mr Icahn since he resigned as chairman of TWA two years ago.

Mr Icahn and Mr LeBow, who is also known as a corporate raider, have acquired a 4.8 per cent shareholding worth about $390 million in RJR Nabisco and are demanding radical changes. With 4.8 per cent Mr LeBow and Mr Icahn become the second largest shareholders in the food and tobacco giant.

If RJR Nabisco does not agree to spin off the huge Nabisco foods division, the two men will propose a new list of directors for the group at the next shareholders' meeting in the spring.

Characteristically, the two men have chosen a weak target. RJR Nabisco's shares have fallen 40 per cent since the beginning of last year as it struggles to service a mountain of debt created when it was taken over by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the buyout specialist, five years ago.

Sales of Winston and Salem, its two leading tobacco brands, have also nose-dived under a marketing onslaught by Philip Morris, its main cigarette rival.

Mr LeBow, who is chairman of Brooke Group — a company including tobacco and other interests — is seeking to overturn a recent change to the company's by-laws which allow only the group board to call a special meeting of shareholders.

The move to spin off the food division, which is widely regarded as the healthiest part of the group, is likely to receive support from other RJR Nabisco investors who are unhappy with the performance of the shares.

Michael Price, head of Heine Securities and one of the new owners of Canary Wharf, holds 5 per cent of RJR Nabisco and says he supports the idea of a spin-off. Fidelity Investments, the fund management group that owns more than 14 per cent of the company, has not said what its view would be.

Mr LeBow has built his reputation at Brooke by turning it into a wide-ranging conglomerate through leveraged buyouts. Mr Icahn has waged proxy battles against a number of companies, the best remembered of which was Texaco.

Emerald nets Trafalgar £21m

BY GEORGE SIVELL

TRAFALGAR HOUSE, the stricken engineering and construction conglomerate part owned by the Jardine Matheson empire, announced another disposal yesterday.

The shares rose ½p to 22¾p after Trafalgar revealed that it had sold the ill-starred Emerald Producer floating production facility for £21 million. The buyer is Seatankers Management Company. The disposal follows the recently announced sale of the Ritz Hotel in London for £75 million.

The Emerald Producer was acquired in the disastrous takeover of Davy Corporation and was in Trafalgar's books for £20 million. In the year to September 30 the Emerald Producer made an unaudited operating profit of £2.2 million, lower than in the previous year. Oil production from the Emerald Field is diminishing and it is expected to reach the end of its productive life by the first quarter of 1996.

Completion of the sale will take place within the first half of 1996. The proceeds will be used by Trafalgar House to reduce its borrowings. It has already warned shareholders to expect severe losses when results for the year to the end of September are reported in December.

T&N fights Chase asbestos claim

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

T&N, the former Turner & Newall building materials group, set out to defend itself against a potentially crippling damages claim of up to $180 million in a New York court yesterday.

The claim is being made by Chase Manhattan, the international bank, which says that T&N installed asbestos fireproofing at its headquarters even though it knew the substance was dangerous. T&N installed the asbestos in One Chase Manhattan Plaza, near Wall Street, when the 60-storey aluminium and glass tower was built in the 1950s.

Chase is claiming $100 million in damages as well as costs, which have been estimated at $80 million initially. This is one of the largest claims made against T&N, which has suffered a tide of claims since asbestos was discovered to be a health hazard. Success for Chase could open the floodgates to further claims from the US.

Last Friday it lost a court action in Leeds against residents who claimed they had suffered by living close to an asbestos factory. Experts believe that even an out-of-court settlement could cost T&N about £50 million, eating up more than a third of the £240 million reserve fund set up for future claims.

Cockburn joins WH Smith

BY SARAH BAGNALL

WH Smith, the high street retailer, yesterday named Bill Cockburn as chief executive, replacing Sir Malcolm Field, who will retire at the end of the year.

Mr Cockburn, a former chief executive of the Post Office, will join WH Smith's board tomorrow. He takes over as chief executive on January 1.

His appointment comes as WH Smith struggles to reposition itself in a fiercely competitive retail market. In August, the group announced its first fall in profits since 1980 and the loss of 1,000 jobs.

At the time, Sir Malcolm said that the search for a new chief executive was under way and that he was delaying his departure until his successor had been found. Sir Malcolm had been scheduled to retire in August.

Mr Cockburn, 52, is Scottish, married with two daughters. Jeremy Hardie, chairman, said: "I am delighted that Bill Cockburn has agreed to join us. "His success in transforming a complex organisation into a consumer conscious business is well recognised. I know that he will bring his strategic management skills to bear on this group to the benefit of customers and shareholders alike."



Bill Cockburn becomes chief executive on January 1

Infotrade online with market facts

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

THE great investing public can now get access to a plethora of useful information on their home personal computers.

Infotrade yesterday launched an online personal finance network. Based in the United Kingdom, Infotrade is a newly created subsidiary of Mitsubishi, the Japanese group.

For the avid follower of stock market form, Infotrade will offer share dealing, plus price and company results data. In addition, Infotrade e-mail will allow investors to contact their broker and other share enthusiasts.

Users will be able to obtain real-time London Stock Exchange prices, three-year historical company results, two-year result forecasts, descriptions of the activities of companies and details of their directors' share dealings.

Share dealing services will be provided initially by City Deal Services and ShareLink, but other firms are to be recruited. Infotrade Portfolio will costs £10-a-month, plus a £25 connection fee. The software costs £69.99. Prices will be charged at 20p per minute.

M0 rises just 0.3% in October

Slowing of economy confirmed

BY PATRICIA TERAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

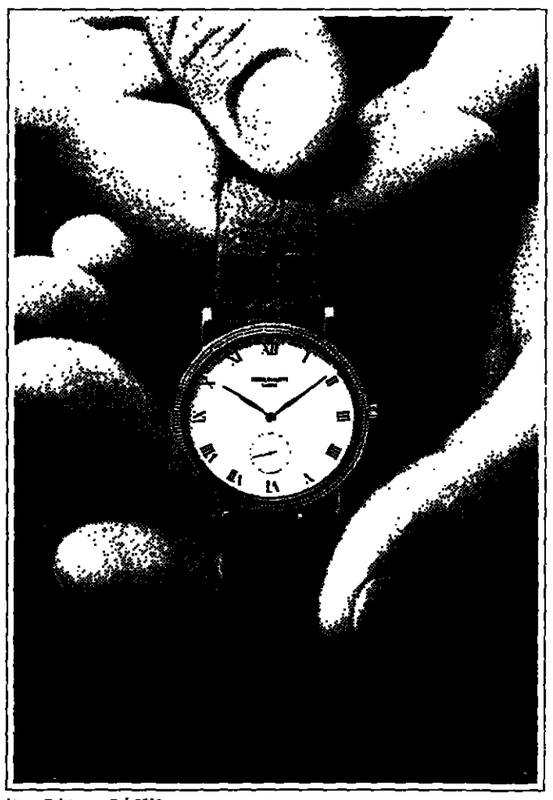
A SLOWING in the growth of M0, the narrow money supply, in October, has confirmed signals of a general economic slowdown. M0 rose 0.3 per cent in October, according to figures published by the Bank of England yesterday, at the weaker end of market expectations. The annual rate of growth, at 5.2 per cent, was the weakest since November, 1993 and compares with 5.4 per cent in September.

The slowing in the rate of growth was seen as helping the case for lower base rates, as it has in the past been a guide to trends in consumer spending, and a good lead guide to inflation trends, though recently CBI retail surveys and official retail sales data have been more important for monetary policy. Michael Saunders, economist at Salomon Brothers, said the slowdown in the year-on-year rate of M0 growth reflected a drop in banks' operational deposits from a year ago. He said: "Operational deposits, held at the Bank of England, account for 1 per cent of M0, but are highly volatile depending in part on whether the Bank's money market operations are generous or light."

Simon Briscoe, economist at Nikko, said M0 "continues to be distorted upwards by various factors — the lottery, the composition of retail sales, growth in the black economy, tourism expansion and higher state benefits". He said the weaker than expected growth would take more pressure off the Chancellor, as "the Bank of England will be less inclined to press for higher rates". Notes and coin, which comprises the bulk of M0, rose 0.5 per cent in October, taking its annual growth rate to 5.7 per cent. It is now at the lowest rate since February 1994 and below its 7.1 per cent peak a year ago.

Alex Garrard, economist at UBS, said the timing of the lottery draws in the last two months, together with below-average receipts in October, may have depressed notes and coin growth in October. Mr Garrard added he expected the growth rate of M0 to slow in the second half of this year, "partly reflecting the lagged impact of earlier base rate rises". However, he said, increased activity on the high street combined with some further price expansion next year should mean that M0 growth stays above the Government's 4 per cent monitoring-range ceiling for the rest of this year and next.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Share rally cut short as Budget nerves begin

THE countdown to next month's Budget appears to have begun with turnover on the London stock market slumping to one of its lowest levels of the year.

A much needed rally following last week's 53-point fall in the FT-SE 100 index failed to encourage institutional investors. *Many of them are steeped in cash and in no rush to reinvest in the stock market until they know what the Chancellor has up his sleeve.*

Supported by Friday's 37-point surge in the Dow Jones average and another mark-up in early trading yesterday in New York, share prices in London were marked higher from the outset.

There was little follow through and the gains were eventually halved. The index still managed to climb back above the 3,500 level, finishing 12.1 points up at 3,510.0. Turnover was a meagre 425 million shares.

United News and Media, publisher of *The Star, Daily* and *Sunday Express*, rose 5p *to 516p following claims that the group is about to be broken up and its newspaper interests sold off.*

It was also suggested that George Magan had been appointed to find buyers for the titles, but a spokesman for United News denied the reports and said Magan had been charged with establishing possible areas of collaboration with other companies in such areas as negotiating newsprint costs.

The group's newspaper interests have been under pressure for some time, with profits squeezed by mounting costs, falling circulation and a squeeze in revenue.

Reuters, the international news agency and financial information group, clawed back some of last week's fall that stemmed from a warning about a possible slowdown in revenue growth.

The shares hardened 19p to 576p as Merrill Lynch, the broker, began pushing the shares. It has embarked on a positive tack, telling clients about the group's prospects in the Asia-Pacific basin.

SelecTV, the independent television production company, *continued to lose ground after failing to win the new Channel 5. The price touched 28½p before rallying to close a net ¾p down on the day at 30p following talk that it could find itself the target of* a bid soon from Pearson, a member of the winning Channel 5 consortium.

SelecTV has a succesful portfolio of television programmes to its name, including Birds of a Feather and Lovejoy.

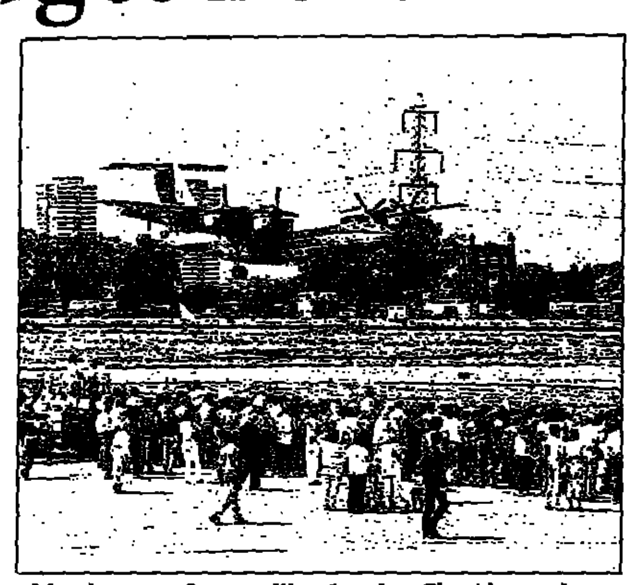
The **Daily Mail Trust**, unchanged at £12.85, has a 13 per cent stake and **MAI**, 5p dearer at 328p, also has a holding.

The speculators are talking of a bid worth 40p a share.

Bakyrchik Gold touched 193p before ending the session 27p dearer at 180p on the news that it has found two backers willing to inject a total of £22 million. This should enable the company to continue developing its project in Kazakhstan. Johannes Kotjo, an Indonesian businessman, and Robert Friedland will between them *subscribe for 6.03 million shares at prices between 150p and 200p a share to raise £11.43 million.*

A further £10.5 million will be raised if the pair exercise options on a further 4.7 million shares at prices between 200p and 220p. They would then hold a near 30 per cent stake in Bakyrchik.

The sale of its loss-making London City Airport lifted **Mowlem**, the construction group, 9p to 63p. It has been sold to Irish businessman Dermot Desmond, whose companies run Dublin Airport, for £14.5 million. Mowlem built the airport in the 1980s and is believed to have lost around £70 million on the project since then.



Mowlem rose 9p on selling London City Airport, here welcoming its first flight, a Brymon Dash 7, in 1987

Mowlem will make a charge of £5.5 million relating to the disposal in its second-half figures.

Thames Water firmed 1p to 521p ahead of interim figures this morning. These are expected to show pre-tax profits up from £151 million to £165 million as well as being accompanied by a 13 per cent *increase in the dividend to 9.3p. Meanwhile, the speculators are pinning their hopes on* Thames eventually bidding for **London Electricity**, 18p dearer at 920p.

Scholl, the footwear group, advanced a further 6p to 220p following weekend reports that L'Oreal, the French beauty products group, and Gillett, the US toiletries group, had approached rebel shareholders in the hope of winning them over before making bids.

The rebel shareholders account for 15 per cent of Scholl shares and were out-voted at a recent extraordinary meeting *at which they tried to get boardroom representation and to sell off the company.*

Frost Group stood out with *a rise of 12p to 223p after its petrol stations were given a clean bill of health by the* Trading Standards Office.

It had held an inquiry after complaints about Lead Replacement Gasoline following allegations that it had breached the trade descriptions act by the Petrol Retailers Association. Frost now plans to introduce LRG in all its service stations.

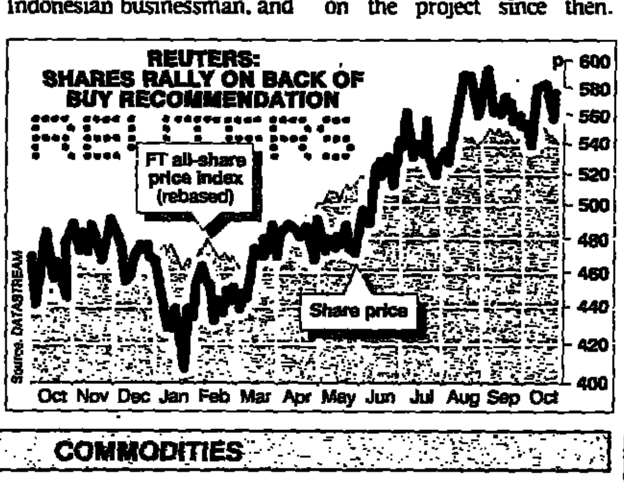
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices failed to capitalise on a firm start and soon showed signs of running out of steam. The absence of any fresh economic news and quiet trading in Europe in the run-up to All-Saints Day kept most institutional investors sidelined. The biggest hurdle lies ahead with the US payroll numbers towards the end of the week.

In the futures pit, the December series of the Long Gilt moved higher in thin trading ending the session £¼ better at £106⁵⁄₃₂ with just 25,000 contracts completed.

In the cash market, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 rose £⁷⁄₁₆ to £97¹⁵⁄₁₆, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 added £⁵⁄₃₂ to £102⁵⁄₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK:** *A revival in high technology shares kept Wall Street ahead and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 13 points higher at 4,754.76.*

T&N fell 4p to 144p as it began defending itself in New York against claims from asbestosis sufferers charging negligence on work on the building of Chase Manhattan's headquarters. Heavy turnover was reported with a line of 3.5 million going through at 145p followed by several lines of 1.5 million at 140p.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones ...... 4754.76 (+13.01)
S&P Composite ...... 581.89 (+2.19)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ...... 17509.17 (+171.98)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ...... 9672.39 (-8.36)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index ...... 447.70 (+3.19)

Sydney:
AO ...... 2067.5 (+0.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX ...... 2146.11 (+30.03)

Singapore:
Straits ...... 2100.16 (-5.27)

Brussels:
General ...... 7748.01 (+24.28)

Paris:
CAC-40 ...... 1795.34 (+52.96)

Zurich:
SKA Gen ...... 687.40 (+7.90)

London:
FT 30 ...... 2579.4 (+13.9)
FT 100 ...... 3510.0 (+12.1)
FT-SE Mid 250 ...... 3882.5 (+18.2)
FT-SE-A 350 ...... 1747.3 (+6.5)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 ...... 1387.73 (+23.80)
FT A All-Share ...... 1726.29 (+6.02)
FT Non Financials ...... 1833.25 (+6.62)
FT Fixed Interest ...... 111.51 (+0.91)
FT Govt Secs ...... 93.33 (+0.26)
Bargains 24636
SEAQ Volume 446.5m
USM (Datastrm) ...... 184.51 (+0.27)
US$ ...... 1.5765 (-0.0035)
German Mark ...... 2.2158 (+0.0030)
Exchange Index ...... 83.8 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.1860
£:SDR 1.0521
RPI ...... 150.6 Sep (3.9%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX ...... 149.2 Sep (3.1%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust Asian Sml	92	...
Abtrust Asian Wts	32½	+ ½
Arlon Props	9	...
Cons Coal (50)	65	...
Creos International	104	- 7
German Slr Wrts	17	...
Hay & Robertson	38	...
Indpt Radio	117	...
MultiMedia (45)	61	...
Murray Vct	103	...
Preston Nth (400)	400	...
Upton & Sthn Wts	½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

First Choice n/p (60)	5½	+ ½
Quality SP n/p (535)	130	...
Stordata Sols n/p (12)	6	...
Wellington U n/p (100)	2	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

J Mowlem	63p (+9p)
Cortecs	110p (+8p)
Frost Group	223p (+12p)
JN Nichols	241p (+11p)
Andrews Sykes	260p (+10p)
Reuters	576p (+19p)
Kwik Save	700p (+21p)
Mitel	333p (+9p)
Airtours	329p (+8p)
Wembley	344p (+8p)
ADT	895p (+20p)
Scotia	630p (+13p)
Standard Chart	510p (+10p)
Telspec	921p (+18p)

FALLS:

Govett	253p (-26p)
Rolfe & Nolan	253p (-7p)
Regent Inns	553p (-15p)
Sage Group	264p (-7p)
Porvair	385p (-10p)
Molins	804p (-10p)
Seton Health	380p (-5p)
First Tech	470p (-5p)
Bick	515p (-5p)
Rolinco	451p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

No dividend drought

AS BID fever subsides in the electricity industry, Ofwat has helpfully pointed the finger at potential hidden value in the water sector. The issue is a slump in capital expenditure and the Director-General is warning that efficiency savings must be shared with customers, preferably in the form of lower bills.

A small bell should now be ringing in the heads of water investors. Denied the sort of action that has excited the electricity sector, water investors have endured the assumption that spending to improve water quality and clean beaches would act as a huge sponge, soaking up cash which might otherwise boost dividends. That is still true, but yesterday's investment figures suggest that, once again, the water companies are paying their contractors less than expected and may be making a *handsome turn on their construction projects. Ofwat's last price review was based on the assumption of investment of £2.9 billion but a saving of £400 million has been achieved somewhere between the budget and the contractor's bill.*

This should not be news to seasoned water investors who remember that Ofwat intervened before the last pricing review when it became clear that water companies were enjoying huge savings from builders who cut bids to win business. Water companies can also phase infrastructure spending. The industry is in a cyclical dip as compliance with the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive is not due for several years. There are no rewards for early compliance: money in the bank earns interest and can be used to pay bigger dividends.

Simon Eng

LEGAL action by Butte against subsidiaries of Simon Engineering is not a surprise. Butte, the former mining company that is now a shell company pursuing litigation against ex-directors, had the option of making a counterclaim in the UK against the Robertson group or dropping out of legal action which has been running for three years altogether. Its route in the US was stymied after an injunction.

Simon has succeeded in getting its name removed from the headline allegations and is adamant it will pay nothing but the action is something the maker of hydraulic and rescue equip*ment could do without. Simon, which clawed its way back into profit last month when it announced interim* pre-tax profits at £2.4 million after a loss of £12.4 million the previous year, has undergone radical change since *the present management* took over two years ago.

Constrained by a sluggish UK market it has seen some bright spots of late, notably a £7 million contract from the MoD to produce rapid intervention vehicles for airfield rescues. There is still ground to be made up by the company which has fought *hard to reduce debt and sell businesses in a sector afflicted by high costs and low* demand.

The small drop in share price yesterday is no reason for panic but reflects a measure of uncertainty and the sooner the dispute with Butte is resolved the better.



Bakyrchik Gold

ROBERT FRIEDLAND, the man who made a mint from nickel in Voisey Bay, Labrador, is having a flutter on gold in Kazakhstan. Flush with funds from the sale of a quarter share in Diamond Fields, the Canadian mining company which owns a stake in the world's largest nickel deposit, Friedland has linked up with others to subscribe for new shares and options worth up to 29 per cent of Bakyrchik Gold which owns 40 per cent of a mine on the steppes of Kazakhstan.

The mine is in desperate need of cash: some £35 million has been raised so far in the initial flotation in 1993 and subsequent share issues but Bakyrchik has yet to produce gold in commercial quantities. A big problem is the high carbon content of the ore which has reduced gold output but Bakyrchik has raised estimates of gold reserves from 8.9 million troy ounces to 15 million ounces.

Bakyrchik shares rose by almost a third yesterday as investors rushed to capitalise on the Friedland magic but Bakyrchik is no Voisey Bay. Significant operational problems could prove insoluble without massive investment. Building a "roaster" in Kazakhstan to burn the carbon from the gold could cost a few hundred million dollars.

Two core Bakyrchik investors, Chilewich, a US trading group and Minproc, an Australian company, bailed out of Bakyrchik within a year of the float: the arrival of a new promoter promises another roller-coaster for the shares but what Bakyrchik needs is proven technical and operational skills, not public relations. In the absence of goodnews from Kazakhstan, investors should leave the risk to Robert Friedland.

Investment Trusts

If investment trusts were once lonely dinosaurs, threatened in the early 1980s by the upstart unit trust industry, the past five years have seen them breeding like rabbits.

Today the industry looks ready for a bout of takeovers. Hundreds of trusts have been created, many focusing on specialist sectors such as emerging markets or natural resources but not all have performed well. NatWest Securities reckons the time is ripe for a restructuring of the sector with good trust managers taking out the bad by exploiting inefficient use of capital. Trusts whose shares are standing at substantial discounts without good reason are obvious candidates.

The consolidation of a fragmented industry should put the spotlight on costs, consumer demand for financial products is currently weak and trust managers who have underperformed may find it hard to justify their overheads when faced with an aggressive bid.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	920-925	Mar	1040-1036
Mar	956-955	May	1058-1048
May	972-971	Jul	unq
Jul	990-989	Sep	...
Sep	1008-1007		
Dec	1025-1023	Volume:	3392

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	2388-2385	Jul	2115-2105
Jan	2275-2274	Sep	2080-2070
Mar	2212-2210	Nov	2070-2050
May	2152-2150	Volume:	4545

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	318.4-18.0
Spot: 368.0		Oct	298.9-88.0
Dec	351.5-51.2	Dec	286.4-85.0
Mar	333.5-32.6	Mar	284.9-82.1
May	324.0-23.6	Volume:	2479

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 27

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	95.99	105.81	127.39
(+/-)	+2.03	-2.61	-0.53
Eng/Wales:	95.99	106.37	127.73
(+/-)	+2.03	+3.15	-0.52
(%)	-11.0	-14.0	-4.0
Scotland:	unq	102.63	134.40
(+/-)		-1.76	-0.53
(%)		-15.0	-4.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.45	n/c
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.30	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.10	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.60	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.35	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 176 (+1)	O: 178 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	154 (n/c)	155 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Nov	154 (n/c)	155 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Dec	154 (n/c)	155 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	86 (+1)	88 (+1)
Naphtha	155 (n/c)	157 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	151.50-51.75	Feb	150.25-50.50
Dec	151.00-51.25	Mar	149.75-50.00
Jan	151.00-51.25		Vol. 8290

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	16.28-16.29	Mar	15.84-15.88
Jan	16.10-16.12	Apr	15.77-15.80
Feb	15.97-15.99		Vol: 15906

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	121.70	Nov	111.50
Jan	124.40	Jan	114.75
Mar	126.45	Mar	116.85
May	128.35	May	118.85
Jul	130.15	Sep	108.75
Volume:	565	Volume:	158

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	184.0
Apr	278.0	279.5
May	unq	312.5
	Volume:	76

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Dec 101.00-101.50

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 95	unq	unq	1560
Nov 95	1596	1540	1582
Dec 95	1585	1540	1579
Jan 96	1570	1530	1565
Vol: 344 lots		Open interest:	4028

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2758.0-2760.0	2672.0-2674.0	1502900
Lead ($/tonne)	690.00-691.00	678.00-679.00	191425
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	982.00-983.00	1005.0-1006.0	671100
Tin ($/tonne)	6220.0-6230.0	6270.0-6280.0	24815
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1628.0-1629.0	1669.0-1670.0	1071325
Nickel ($/tonne)	8620.0-8630.0	8720.0-8730.0	114114

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Dom.	500	20	30½	35	17½	22	31
(*509)	550	3½	11½	15	54	55	65½
Argyll	300	28½	35½	40	5	9	13½
(*323)	330	11	19	24	18	22	28
ASDA	100	7	10	13	3½	5½	6½
(*103)	110	3	6	9	9	11	12
Boots	550	22½	35½	42½	16	21½	28
(*555½)	600	5	14½	21	51	53½	58
Br Airways	420	45	55	62	4	7½	12½
(*458½)	460	19	30	37	17½	22	28
BP	460	16½	26½	30½	13	19½	23½
(*462½)	500	3½	9½	15	42	45	48
Br Steel	160	8½	13	16	6	9	11½
(*167½)	180	1½	5½	7½	20	21	24
C & W	390	30	44	50½	7½	14	19½
(*411)	420	13½	27½	34½	21½	27½	33½
CU	600	36	45	57½	19	30	35
(*609½)	650	14	22	31	44½	60	64
ICI	750	47	57	67½	11	25	29½
(*774½)	800	19½	30½	41½	35	51	55½
Kingfishr	460	30	40½	45½	11	22½	27½
(*472)	500	11	20½	26	32½	44	49½
Land Sec	550	33	44	49	7½	11	30
(*575½)	600	8	17	22½	34½	37	47
M & S	420	18½	29	34	10	15	20
(*426½)	460	3½	11½	16	37	39½	43
Nat West	600	42	50	58½	11½	25½	33½
(*621)	650	16	24	34½	36½	53	60½
Sainsbury	420	18	27	31	11	16½	20½
(*423½)	460	4½	10½	14½	40	42	45
Shell	700	42½	53½	58	5	14	18
(*727)	750	13½	23½	29½	26½	39	42
Smkl Bch	650	34½	48½	59½	14½	23½	29
(*666)	700	11½	24½	35	43	50½	59½
Storehse	300	13	19½	25	11	14½	17½
(*301)	330	3	8½	12½	32	33½	36
Trafalgar	20	5	6½	7	3	3½	4½
(*23)	25	3	4½	5	6	6½	7½
Unilever	1200	55	76½	87½	13½	28½	34
(*1234½)	1250	25	47	59	35½	52	57
Zeneca	1150	80½	104	127½	26½	49	59½
(*1156½)	1200	53	76	100½	48½	71½	82
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	420	19	32½	38	4	17½	19
(*434½)	460	3	14	19½	27	40½	41½
Ladbroke	160	5½	12½	14½	2	6	9
(*163)	180	0	4	6½	17	18½	21
Utd Bisc	260	16	26	32	1	8	11½
(*273)	280	5	15½	21	9½	16½	21½

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	460	38	50	56	5	8½	13½
(*491½)	500	14	26	32½	21	24½	30
Thames W	500	30½	43	50½	12½	17	28
(*521)	550	10	21	26½	42½	45	56½
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	500	28	45½	51½	3½	11½	21
(*525)	550	3½	20	25	26	36	47½
BTR	330	7	18½	21½	3	9½	15½
(*333)	360	0	6½	9	27	28½	34
Br Aero	700	20	50½	62	10	28	38
(*709)	750	3	28	39½	42½	55	65
Br Telcm	360	15½	22	28½	1	10	11½
(*372½)	390	1½	8	14	17½	27½	28½
Cadbury	500	28½	48½	48½	3½	15½	21
(*523½)	550	4½	23	24½	29	38	46½
Guinness	500	9½	26½	33	6½	14½	24
(*501½)	550	0	7½	13	48½	49	55
GEC	300	18	25½	32½	0½	5½	7½
(*317)	330	1	9½	16½	14	20	21½
Hanson	191	6	10	—	2	9	—
(*194½)	211	0	3	—	16½	22	—
LASMO	140	14½	19½	22½	0	3	5
(*153½)	160	2	8½	11½	7½	12	14
Lucas	180	8½	16	20	2	6½	9
(*196½)	200	0½	7½	10½	14	17½	19½
Pilkingtn	180	6½	13½	17½	3	9	10
(*182)	200	0½	6	8½	18	21½	22
Prudential	390	4½	24½	30	7	15	24
(*392½)	420	1	12	17	28	31½	41½
Redland	330	15½	29½	35½	3	7½	14
(*342½)	360	1½	13½	19½	18½	22	30½
R-Royce	140	13	18	20½	0	3	5
(*152½)	160	1	7	10½	8	12	14½
Tesco	300	7½	19	23½	3½	9½	15½
(*303)	330	0	6½	10½	27	29½	33
Vodafone	240	17	24½	31½	1	7½	10½
(*254½)	260	5	13½	21	9	16	19½
Williams	300	20½	29½	33	0½	3½	8
(*319)	330	2½	11	15	11½	16½	22

FT-SE INDEX (*3511)

	3400	3450	3500	3550	3600	3650
Calls						
Nov	127	86	50½	27½	12	4
Dec	158½	120	89½	61½	39½	24
Jan	181	146½	116½	90	68	49½
Feb	201	168	138	110½	88	66
Jun	249	—	187½	—	137½	—
Puts						
Nov	11	21	37	65½	103½	151
Dec	32½	45½	66	90½	120½	158
Jan	48½	64	84½	108½	138	172
Feb	57	74½	94½	118	147	179½
Jun	104	—	141½	—	189½	—

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat.	500	41	57½	59½	6	16½	20
(*533)	550	11½	24	28	25½	42	45
Amstrad	280	21	30½	37½	6	11½	15
(*293½)	300	10	19½	27½	15	21	24½
Barclays	700	47	65	72½	7	23½	28½
(*733½)	750	17	35½	45½	27½	47	52½
Blue Circ	280	21	30½	33	4	9½	15½
(*293½)	300	9½	19½	22½	12½	18	25½
Br Gas	220	23	28½	31	1½	4½	7½
(*238)	240	9½	16	19	8	11½	16
Dixons	360	30½	40	48½	4	11	14½
(*383)	390	12	23	31½	16	24	27½
Forte	240	12	19	22½	4½	9	12
(*245½)	260	3½	9½	12½	16	19½	23
Tarmac	80	10	14	15	2	3	5
(*88)	90	4	8½	9½	6	7½	10
Hillsdwn	160	9½	14	16	2½	5	10½
(*168)	180	1½	5	7	15	16½	23
Lonrho	140	18½	20½	23	1	3½	3½
(*156)	160	5½	8½	12	7½	12	12
Sears	100	6	9	10½	2	3½	5½
(*103)	110	1½	4	9½	7½	9½	11
Thrn Eml	1450	65½	107½	136½	31½	47	50½
(*1474)	1500	40	77	109	57	71½	73
Tomkins	240	14	20	25	4½	9	11½
(*247½)	260	4	10½	15½	15	19½	22
TSB	360	14½	21½	27	7½	16½	19½
(*370)	390	1½	7	11½	23½	34½	35½
Series		Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo Well	850	37½	53	66	25	41	47
(*853)	900	15	30	44	54	69	75
HSBC	900	60½	85	97½	21	45½	54½
(*927½)	950	34	59	71½	44	71	80
Reuter	550	46	57	68½	10	20	25½
(*576½)	600	19½	31	43	32	43½	49½
Series		Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Royal Ins	360	39½	49	54½	5½	16	21½
(*388)	390	21½	30½	38½	17	30	36
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	260	5	5	9½	0½	1	4½
(*264)	280	0	0	0	18	18	20
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	950	25½	39	27½	0	0	0
(*974)	1000	0½	0½	0½	26	31	32
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	29½	41	51½	6	10½	17
(*485)	500	7½	19	29½	25	28½	36
Scot Pwr	330	28½	33	40	3½	8	9
(*353)	360	8½	15	22½	13½	21	22

October 30, 1995 Tot: 25511 Call: 6869 Put: 18642 FT-SE Call: 2135 Put: 14352
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 95	3538.0	3543.0	3515.0	3524.0	7925
Previous open interest: 69875	Mar 96	3547.0	3553.0	3547.0	3552.0	261
FT-SE 250	Dec 95				3900.0	0
Previous open interest: 3537	Mar 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.34	93.37	93.33	93.34	8369
Previous open interest: 337910	Mar 96	93.46	93.48	93.43	93.45	9968
	Jun 96	93.42	93.45	93.38	93.40	7171
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.22	0
Previous open interest: 110	Mar 96				94.50	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	95.98	95.99	95.97	95.98	6399
Previous open interest: 913436	Mar 96	96.10	96.13	96.10	96.11	6475
Long Gilt	Dec 95	106-11	106-15	106-03	106-05	24982
Previous open interest: 102248	Mar 96	105-27	105-27	105-26	105-20	104
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	120.95	121.10	120.88	121.10	2253
	Mar 96	119.89	119.87	119.67	119.88	699
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 95	96.50	96.54	96.31	96.34	57161
Previous open interest: 206854	Mar 96	95.88	95.92	95.74	95.74	707
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.37	94.40	94.34	94.36	832
Previous open interest: 19769	Mar 96	94.56	94.56	94.49	94.49	670
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	97.95	98.01	97.95	97.97	2039
Previous open interest: 49165	Mar 96	98.02	98.08	98.02	98.04	1181
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 95	102.35	102.58	101.60	101.65	53227
Previous open interest: 52359	Mar 96	101.88	101.88	101.60	101.30	112

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 5½ Week fixed: 6½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⁹⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 6⁹⁄₁₆ . Sell 2 mth 6½ ; 3 mth 6½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6½	
Sterling Money Rates:	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆
Interbank:	6¾-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	6¾-6⅝
Overnight: open 6¾ close 7					
Local Authority Deps:	6¾	n/a	6¾	6¾	6¾
Sterling CDs:	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	5.77	n/a	5.81	5.75	5.73
Building Society CDs:	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¾-5⅝	5⅝-5½	5½-5⅜	5¾-4¾
Deutschemark:	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3¹⁵⁄₁₆	4-4	4-4	4⅛-3¾
French Franc:	6⅜-6⅛	6⅜-6⅛	6⅛-6	6-6	7⅛-5¾
Swiss Franc:	2⅛-1⅞	2⅛-1⅞	2-2	2-1⅞	2¼-1¾
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.00-382.30 Close: $382.00-382.50 High: $382.00-382.50
Low: $381.70-382.20 AM: $382.05 PM: $382.15

Krugerrand: $383.00-385.00 (£242.50-244.50)

Platinum: $406.25 (£257.70) *Silver:* $5.34 (£3.385) *Palladium:* $135.75 (£86.10)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 30	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4818-2.4945	2.4818-2.4851	⅛-⅛ds	⅛-⅛pr
Brussels	45.52-45.82	45.52-45.63	0.05-0.04pr	0.13-0.11pr
Copenhagen	8.5920-8.6390	8.5920-8.6140	¼-⅛ds	¼-⅛pr
Dublin	0.9716-0.9769	0.9731-0.9756	11-7pr	24-19pr
Frankfurt	2.2149-2.2265	2.2149-2.2180	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Lisbon	233.38-234.90	233.54-234.19	0.34-0.49ds	1.10-1.35ds
Madrid	192.23-193.06	192.26-192.56	0.39-0.43ds	1.12-1.20ds
Milan	2513.0-2521.3	2514.6-2518.9	0.06-0.07ds	0.19-0.20ds
Montreal	2.1439-2.1570	2.1471-2.1501	0.12-0.15ds	0.38-0.45ds
New York	1.5746-1.5786	1.5776-1.5786	0.12-0.10pr	0.32-0.29pr
Oslo	9.7960-9.8390	9.8000-9.8160	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛ds
Paris	7.6940-7.7320	7.6960-7.7110	⅛-⅛ds	⅛-⅛ds
Stockholm	10.418-10.476	10.440-10.463	1¼-1⅝ds	4-4½ds
Tokyo	160.13-160.80	160.22-160.49	1⅛-1pr	1¾-1½pr
Vienna	15.585-15.684	15.585-15.613	1½-1pr	4¼-3¼pr
Zurich	1.7980-1.8000	1.7890-1.7908	⅝-⅝pr	1⅛-1pr

Premium - pr. Discount - ds.
Source: Extel

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3157-1.3166
Austria	9.90-9.91
Belgium (Com)	28.93-28.97
Canada	1.3590-1.3600
Denmark	5.4580-5.4600
France	4.8819-4.8900
Germany	1.4065-1.4070
Hong Kong	7.7320-7.7330
Ireland	1.6160-1.6180
Italy	1595.10-1596.60
Japan	101.60-101.65
Malaysia	2.5437-2.5447
Netherlands	1.5760-1.5770
Norway	6.2205-6.2235
Portugal	148.41-148.51
Singapore	1.4170-1.4180
Spain	122.04-122.09
Sweden	6.6147-6.6214
Switzerland	1.1360-1.1370

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5754-1.5780
Australia dollar	2.0737-2.0764
Bahrain dinar	0.5880-0.6000
Brazil real*	1.5138-1.5180
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7000-0.7100
Finland markka	6.6575-6.7735
Greece drachma	362.75-369.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.1844-12.1937
India rupee	54.45-55.41
Indonesia rupiah	3540.00-3608.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4675-0.4775
Malaysia ringgit	4.0085-4.0126
New Zealand dollar	2.3879-2.3912
Pakistan rupee	53.88 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6725-5.7965
Singapore dollar	2.2332-2.2362
S Africa rand (com)	5.6970-5.7990
U A E dirham	5.7225-5.8465

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

3i	95	Legal & Gn	1,300
ASDA Gp	8,800	Lloyds Bk	1,300
Abbey Ntl	824	London Elect	545
Allied Dom	797	Marks Spr	5,400
Argyll Gp	1,600	Mid Elec	588
Arjo Wggns	632	NatWst Bk	1,200
AB Foods	63	Nat Power	511
BAA	2,300	NW Water	177
BAT Inds	2,000	P & O	761
BOC	730	Pearson	537
BP	2,400	PowerGen	907
BSkyB	2,300	Prudential	4,000
BTR	8,200	REXAM	119
BT	7,100	RMC	401
Bk of Scot	255	RTZ	1,100
Barclays	2,100	Rank Org	994
Bass	645	Reckitt Col	924
Blue Circle	830	Redland	418
Boots	2,800	Reed Intl	220
BAe	1,000	Rentokil	2,000
BA	861	Reuters	2,200
Brit Gas	3,400	Rolls Royce	1,000
Brit Steel	3,000	Royal Ins	2,500
Burmah Cstl	133	Ryl Bk Scot	823
Cable Wire	690	Sainsbury	3,400
Cadbury	2,600	Schroders	31
Carlton Cms	144	Scot & New	387
Cm Union	2,200	Scot Power	942
Cookson	406	Sears	11,000
Courtaulds	713	Svrn Trent	104
De La Rue	55	Shell Trans	2,500
Enterpr Oil	142	Siebe	288
Forte	214	SmKl Bch	2,100
GKN	514	Smith Nph	486
GRE	1,000	Sthern Elec	587
GUS	976	Std Chartd	995
Gen Acc	568	Sun Allnce	1,000
Gen Elec	2,400	TI Gp	229
Glaxo Well	1,800	TSB	705
Granada	868	Tate & Lyle	1,200
Grand Met	2,700	Tesco	2,900
Guinness	1,600	Thames W	827
HSBC	776	Thm EMI	261
Hanson	5,600	Tomkins	805
ICI	762	Unilever	642
Inchcape	617	Vodafone	5,600
Kingfisher	1,900	Whitbread	437
LASMO	3,500	Wlms Hld	524
Ladbroke	1,500	Wolseley	1,000
Land Secs	294	Zeneca	348

	Oct 30 midday	Oct 27 close
AMP Inc	38¼	38¾
AMR Corp	66	65⅝
AT & T	62⅝	62⅞
Abbott Labs	39⅝	39¾
Advanced Micro	23⅝	24½
Aetna Life	69⅝	69⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	24⅞	25⅛
Air Prod & Chem	52⅞	51½
Albertson's	33⅞	33⅝
Alcan Aluminum	30⅝	31
Alco Standard	89⅝	88⅝
Allied Signal	44	43⅝
Alum Co of Am	50⅝	49⅝
Amax Gold Inc	5⅞	5⅞
Amerada Hess	44⅝	43½
Amer Brands	42⅝	41⅞
Amer El Power	38⅝	38⅝
Amer Express	40⅝	41
Amer Genl Corp	33½	33⅝
Amer Home Pr	89⅝	88⅝
Amer Intl	84⅝	85⅞
Amer Stores	30⅝	30
Ameritech	54⅝	54⅝
Amoco	64⅝	64
Anheuser-Busch	67⅝	67
Apple Computer	34⅞	34⅝
Archer Daniels	16⅝	16½
Armco	6½	6⅝
Armstrng Wrld	59	57⅞
Asarco	31	30⅞
Ashland Oil	32⅝	32
Atl Richfield	107	106
Auto Data Pro	72	71½
Avery Dennison	45	44⅞
Avon Products	70⅞	69⅞
Baker Hughes	19½	18⅞
Baltim Gas & El	27	27
Banc One	33⅞	35
BankAmerica	57⅝	60
Bank of NY	42⅞	43⅝
Bankers Tr NY	64⅝	65⅝
Barnett Banks	58⅝	55⅝
Bausch & Lomb	35½	34⅝
Baxter Intl	38⅞	38⅞
Becton Dickson	65⅝	65
Bell Atlantic	64⅝	64
Bell Industries	20⅝	20⅞
BellSouth	75½	74⅞
Black & Decker	33⅞	34
Block (H&R)	43	41⅞
Boeing	67½	67⅝
Boise Cascade	36⅝	38⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	76	76⅞
Browning Ferris	28⅝	28⅞
Brunswick	19⅞	19
Burlingtn Nthn	81⅞	80⅝
CBS	80⅝	80⅝
CNA Financial	113⅝	113⅝
CPC Intl	66⅝	66⅞
CSX	82	81½
Campbell Soup	52⅞	52½
Can Pacific	15½	15⅞
Cptl Cities ABC	117⅞	117
Carolina Pwr	33⅝	33
Caterpillar	55⅞	54⅞
Central & SW	27	27⅝
Champion Intl	52⅝	54⅞
Chase Manhat	58⅝	58⅞
Chemical Bk	58⅞	58⅝
Chevron Corp	46⅝	46⅝
Chrysler	52⅞	53⅝
Chubb Corp	90⅝	90⅝
Cigna Corp	97⅝	97⅝
Citicorp	67⅝	64⅞
Clorox	72⅝	72½
Coastal Corp	33	32⅞
Coca Cola	72	71⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	69⅞	69
Columbia Gas	37½	37⅝
Compaq Comp	56⅝	53⅝
Comp Ass Intl	55	54
Conagra	39	39⅝
Conrail	67⅝	67⅝
Cons Edison	30⅝	30⅞
Cons Nat Gas	38⅞	37⅝
Cooper Inds	35⅝	33⅞
Corestates	37	36⅝
Corning Inc	28⅞	28⅞
Crown Cork	34⅝	37⅞
Dana Corp	28⅝	30⅝
Dayton Hudson	71½	71⅞
Deere	91	90⅝
Delta Air Lines	69⅝	69½
Deluxe Corp	27⅝	27⅝
Detroit Edison	33⅝	33⅝
Digital Equip	54⅝	53⅝
Dillard Dept St	28	28⅝
Disney (Walt)	57⅝	56⅝
Dominion Res	40⅝	39⅝
Donnelley (RR)	38⅝	38⅝
Dover Corp	38⅝	37⅝
Dow Chemical	70⅝	70⅝
Dow Jones	35⅝	38⅞
Dresser	20⅝	20⅞
Duke Power	45	45⅝
Dun & Bradstreet	59⅝	59⅝
Du Pont	65⅝	65⅝
Eastman Kodak	63⅝	63⅝
Eaton Corp	51⅝	52⅝
Emerson Elec	71⅝	70⅞

	Oct 30 midday	Oct 27 close
Engelhard Corp	25⅝	25⅝
Enron Corp	35	34⅝
Entergy	28⅝	28⅝
Ethyl Corp	11⅝	11½
Exxon	75⅝	74⅝
FMC Corp	70⅝	70⅝
FPL Group	42	41½
Federal Express	80⅝	81½
Fed Nat Mtge	103⅝	103⅝
First Chicago	69⅝	69⅝
First Interstate	127½	127½
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	39½	39⅝
Fluor Corp	58⅝	55⅝
Ford Motor	29⅝	29⅝
GTE Corp	40⅝	40⅝
Gannett	54⅝	54⅝
Gap Inc Del	37½	37½
Gen Dynamics	54⅝	54½
Gen Electric	62½	62½
Gen Mills	57⅝	57⅝
Gen Motors	44⅝	44
Gen Reinsurance	145⅝	145⅝
Gen Signal	31½	32⅝
Genuine Parts	39⅝	39⅝
Georgia Pac	84	85
Gillette	48⅝	48⅝
Glaxo Wellc ADR	26⅝	26⅝
Goodrich (BF)	66	66⅝
Goodyear Tire	37⅝	37⅝
Grace (WR)	58⅝	59⅝
Gt Atl Pac Tea	21½	21½
Great Wstn Fin	22⅝	23
Halliburton	42⅞	40⅝
Harcourt General	38⅝	38⅝
Heinz (HJ)	46⅝	45⅝
Hercules	53⅝	53½
Hershey Foods	60	60⅝
Hewlett Packard	94⅝	92⅝
Hilton Hotels	67⅝	66⅝
Home Depot	37⅝	37
Homestake Mng	15⅝	15⅝
Honeywell	41⅝	40⅝
Household Intl	56⅝	56⅝
Houston Inds	46⅝	46⅝
Humana	21½	21½
ITT Corp	120⅝	120⅝
Illinois Tool	58⅝	57⅞
Illinova	28⅝	28⅝
INCO	33⅝	33⅝
Ingersoll Rand	35⅝	35⅝
Inland Steel	23⅝	23⅝
Intel Corp	70	67⅝
IBM	97⅝	96⅝
Intl Flav & Fr	49⅝	49½
Intl Paper	37⅝	37⅝
James River Va	32⅝	32⅝
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	81	80⅝
Kellogg	72⅝	72⅝
Kerr-McGee	53⅝	53⅝
Kimberly-Clark	72⅝	72⅝
Kmart	9⅝	9⅝
Knight-Ridder	56⅝	58⅝
Lilly (Eli)	96½	96⅝
Limited Inc	19⅝	19⅝
Lincoln Nat	44⅝	44⅝
Litton	39½	39⅝
Liz Claiborne	28⅝	27⅝
Lockheed Martin	67⅝	69⅝
Louisiana Pac	23⅝	24⅝
MCI Comm	25⅝	24⅝
Marriott Int	36⅝	35⅝
Marsh & McLnn	81½	81½
Masco Corp	28⅝	28⅝
May Dept St	38⅝	38⅝
Maytag Corp	18⅝	18⅝
McDonalds	41½	41⅝
McDonnell D	80⅝	80⅝
McGraw Hill	83	82⅝
Mead Corp	57½	57½
Medtronic	57⅝	57⅝
Mellon Bk	50⅝	49⅝
Melville Corp	32	32
Merck Inc	57½	58⅝
Merrill Lynch	55⅝	56⅝
Microsoft	101¼	100
Minnesota Mine	58⅝	55⅝
Mobil Corp	100⅝	100⅝
Monsanto	104⅝	103⅝
Morgan (JP)	76⅞	78⅝
Motorola Inc	66⅝	65⅝
Nat Semi	24⅝	24⅝
Natl Service Ind	29⅝	29⅝
Navistar Int	10	9⅝
NBD Bancorp	38⅝	38⅝
NY Times A	28	28
Newmont Mng	38⅝	38⅝
Niag Mohawk	10⅝	11
Nike B	112⅝	111½
NL Industries	12⅞	13
Noram Energy	7½	7½
Nordstrom	37⅝	37⅝
Norfolk Sthrn	76⅝	75⅝
Nthn State Pwr	47⅝	46⅝
Norwest Corp	30	30⅝
Nynex Corp	47⅝	49⅝
Occidental Pet	21½	21
Ohio Edison	22⅝	22⅝
Oracle	44	43⅝
Oryx Energy Co	11½	11½

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Owens Corning	42⅞	41½
PPG Industries	42⅝	42
PNC Bank	26⅝	26⅝
PP&L Res	22⅝	22⅝
Paccar Inc	41½	41½
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	24⅝	24⅝
Pac Gas & Elecr	29⅝	30
Pac Telesis	29⅝	29⅝
Pall Corp	23½	23⅝
Panhandle Eas	26⅝	26⅝
Peco Energy	29½	29⅝
Penney (JC)	43⅝	43⅝
Pennzoil	37	36½
Pepsico	52½	53
Pfizer	58⅝	58⅝
Phelps Dodge	62½	62½
Philip Morris	84	84½
Phillips Pet	31½	31½
Pitney Bowes	42⅝	42⅝
Polaroid	42⅝	41⅝
PriceCostco	17⅝	17
Procter & Gmbl	81½	81½
Providian	39⅝	38⅝
Pub Serv E & G	29½	29⅝
Quaker Oats	34⅝	34⅝
Ralston Purina	57⅝	57⅝
Raychem Corp	45⅝	45⅝
Raytheon	43⅝	43⅝
Reebok Intl	34⅝	34⅝
Reynolds Metals	51½	49⅝
Roadway Srvcs	43½	43½
Rockwell Intl	44⅝	44⅝
Rohm & Haas	56	55⅝
Royal Dutch	122⅝	122⅝
Rubbermaid	26⅝	26
SBC Comms	54½	54½
Safeco Corp	63⅝	62⅝
St Paul's Cos	51½	51½
Salomon Inc	36	36⅝
Sara Lee Corp	29⅝	29⅝
Seecorp	17	17
Schering Plough	53⅝	54
Schlumberger	61½	59⅝
Scott Paper	52½	53⅝
Seagram	35	34⅝
Sears Roebuck	34⅝	34½
Shell Trans	69⅝	69⅝
Sherwin Wlms	36⅝	35⅝
Skyline Corp	17⅝	17⅝
Snap-On-Tools	42½	42½
Southern Co	24	24⅝
Sprint Corp	38⅝	37⅝
Stanley Works	47⅝	47⅝
Stnt Company	28⅝	28⅝
Sun Microsys	78½	78⅝
Suntrust	65⅝	66
Supervalu	30⅝	30⅝
Sysco Corp	29⅝	29⅝
TRW Inc	66½	66⅝
TCC Inds	2⅝	2⅝
Tandem Comp	11½	11½
Tandy Corp	51½	51½
Teledyne	25	24⅞
Temple Inland	45⅝	46
Tenneco	43⅝	42½
Texaco	68⅝	67⅝
Texas Inst	69½	67⅝
Texas Utilities	38⅝	36⅝
Textron	68⅝	67⅝
Time Warner	36½	36⅝
Times-Mirror A	29⅝	29⅝
Timken	39½	37⅝
Torchmark	42	41½
Toys R Us	22⅝	22
Transamerica	68⅝	67⅝
Travelers	90½	90
Tribune	63⅝	63
Tyco Labs	60⅝	61½
UST Inc	30⅝	30⅝
UAL	175	174
US Inds	19⅝	15⅝
USX Marathon	18	18
Unicom	33	32⅝
Unilever NV	130⅝	130⅝
Union Camp	51⅝	51½
Union Carbide	38⅝	38
Union Pacific	64⅝	64
Unisys Corp	5⅝	5⅝
USAIR Group	14	13⅝
USF&G Corp	17	17½
US Life	28½	28⅝
US West	47⅝	47⅝
United Tech	88⅝	88⅝
Unocal Corp	28⅝	28
Upjohn	50½	50⅝
VF Corp	47⅝	47½
WMX Tech	27⅝	27⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	22	22⅝
Warner-Lambert	88⅝	86
Wells Fargo	206⅝	208⅝
Westinghouse El	13⅝	13⅝
Weyerhaeuser	44⅝	44⅝
Whirlpool	53⅝	52
Whitman	21½	21½
Winn Dixie	64⅝	64
Woolworth	14½	14⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	47⅝	47⅝
Xerox	139⅝	139½
Yellow Corp	12⅝	12⅝

Day of judgment looms for beleaguered Lloyd's names

Today's ruling in the High Court could be crucial for Lloyd's, says Sarah Bagnall

Lloyd's of London resembles a man trying to chew gum, skip, talk and drink a cup of tea all at the same time. Each action done individually is simple, but, combined, the tasks become exceedingly difficult.

Lloyd's is currently putting all its energy and time into trying to settle the mass of legal actions bought by more than 17,000 of its names. To this end, Lloyd's unveiled a £2.8 billion settlement package to names in May. This was its second attempt, after the failure of the first, £900 million offer, last year.

At a basic level, the plan is straightforward. Lloyd's offers Name A a sum of money as compensation for his losses and, in return, Name A agrees to give up all his rights to legal action. End of story? Er, no. There is the added matter of Equitas, the reinsurance company being set up to take over all names' liabilities — for a fee. So Name A will face a so-called Equitas bill.

Still straightforward. But peel back the layers, and the complexity of the task emerges. Lloyd's has to calculate how much compensation each name should receive and how much they will have to pay to Equitas. These figures, in turn, depend on numerous factors, one of which is the outcome of today's High Court ruling on an action bought by 1,932 names who underwrote on Merrett syndicate 418 in 1985.

The case is the first of the so-called "long tail" actions to reach court and, as a result, its outcome has significant bearing on how Lloyd's divides the £2.8 billion offer up between names. If names are successful in their claim of negligence against Lloyd's agents, then they will have legal backing to the argument that they should receive a substantial amount of the £2.8 billion on offer. If they fail, then they will receive significantly less, leaving the lion's share for their colleagues on the spiral syndicates, such as Feltrim and Gooda Walker.

Both the Gooda Walker and Feltrim action groups have won their High Court actions and, as a result, they, together with other spiral syndicates with similar claims, are in strong negotiating positions.

The Merrett action has further implications for many of the 17,000-plus litigating names. The Merrett Names Association is taking legal action against Ernst & Whinney, now part of Ernst & Young, the syndicate's firm of auditors. This is the first action taken against an accountancy firm and, therefore, much hangs on the outcome.

Lloyd's is still enmeshed in negotiations with numerous parties as to the size — if any — of their contribution to the settlement offer.

The largest chunk will come from the errors and ommisions underwriters, who insured the members' and managing agents being sued by the action groups. Negotiations are still under way, but the figure mooted is £800 million.

In turn, the agents are making a contribution of £200 million, but are still locked in talks aimed at getting their agreement to provide a further amount to cover the uninsured part of the errors and ommisions cover.

Then there are the firms of accountants. Currently, auditors are not contributing anything to the pot, but an adverse ruling in the High Court could bring them to the party. If the firms believe that they are exposed to legal claims of a significant size, then they may want to make a contribution in return for names giving up their right to legal action.

If they decide to make a contribution, then comes the question how much it should be? Today's judgment will be on liability only. A ruling on quantum would be required to determine the split in any payment between the auditors and the other defendants. This split would help to determine the size of any possible contribution.

Lloyd's has spent months calculating the amount of reserves Equitas needs to win Department of Trade and Industry approval. The original estimate of £16 billion is considered to be fairly accurate, and much of that will come from existing reserves. The Equitas project is divided into two parts: the reserves needed to cover claims against policies written up to and including 1985; and those written in the years 1986 to 1992. While the figures for the reserves needed for 1985 and earlier were in line with expectations, the raw data on 1986-92 years caused concerns. The figures were higher than expected and the initial reaction within Lloyd's was of concern.

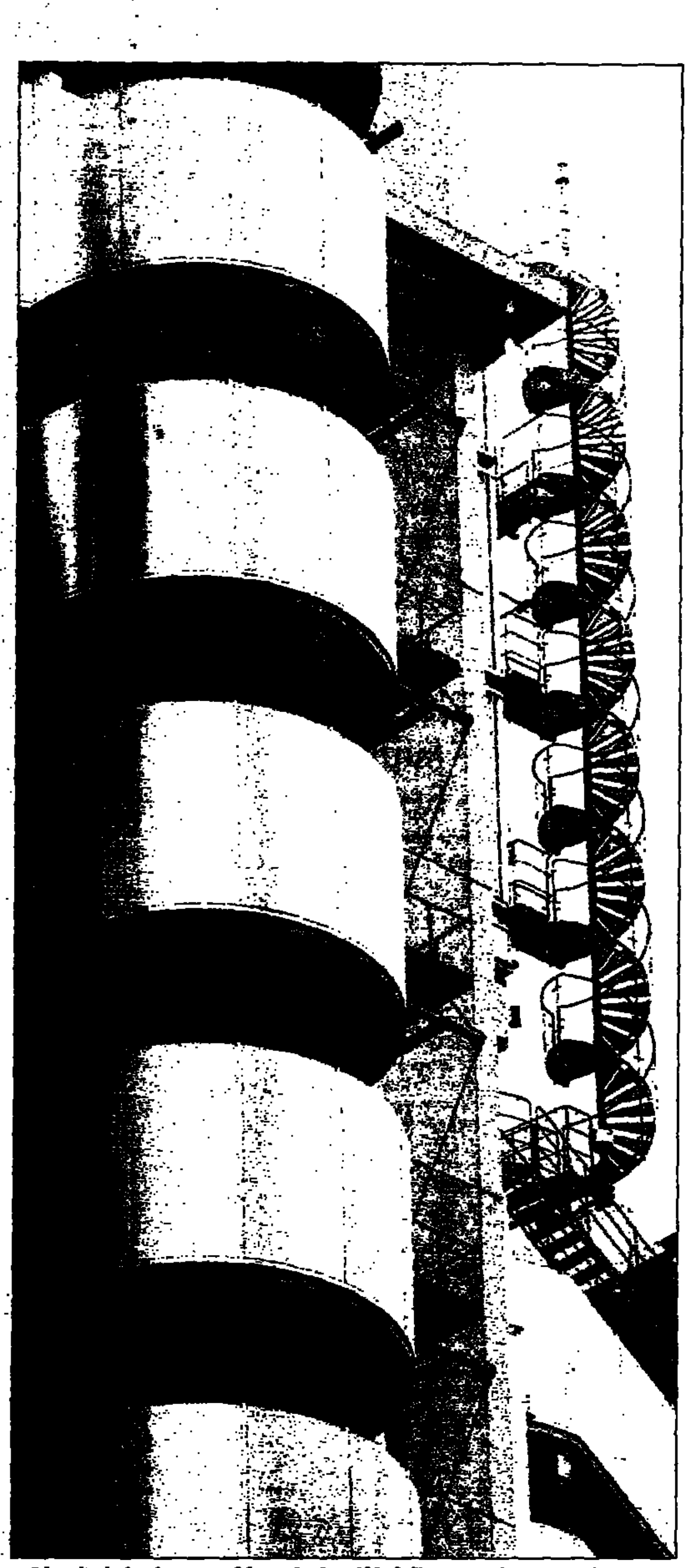
The implications were that Lloyd's had to delay posting the initial calculations of Equitas premiums to names. Instead of sending letters to names detailing estimates of their individual positions by mid-October, Lloyd's is unlikely to do so until next spring. In order to keep names informed, today a missive will be dispatched to names keeping them up-to-date with developments.

Simultaneously, Lloyd's has spent months deciding how to divide the settlement offer up among names — a process that also hit problems. This is because of the 250,000 personal stop-loss policies taken out by names. These policies are a form of reinsurance to protect names against high levels of losses. Lloyd's argues that these policies respond to names' Equitas premiums and consequently, if a name's Equitas premium triggers a claim then that falls on other Lloyd's syndicates, in turn increasing other names' losses. These, in turn, may trigger other personal stop-loss claims, and so the circle continues.

There is little doubt that Lloyd's is struggling to survive and the hurdles it has to leap are high and seemingly endless. The main factor in its favour is that the failure to settle with names and manage to get Equitas off the ground will benefit few.

Lloyd's needs a settlement or it will founder, dragging down many managing agents in the process and leaving members' agents with little chance of survival. The vast majority of names need a settlement as a collapsed Lloyd's will lead to liquidators pursuing claims without the benefit of Equitas, which, if given the Department of Trade and Industry go-ahead, will be able to discount claims through reinsurance contracts. Furthermore, the collapse of Lloyd's would cause an unravelling of syndicates with losses reverberating back through time, ensnaring thousands of names who have resigned from the market.

With the benefit of a common cause, a lot of hard work and a fair input of luck Lloyd's may succeed, but there are still significant hurdles to leap.



Lloyd's is in danger of foundering if it fails to produce a settlement

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Banking on new role

WHATEVER can lie behind the reporting lines at the proposed new £13.6 billion Lloyds TSB? Peter Ellwood, chief executive of TSB (and seen as the strongest candidate to succeed Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds and of the merged group), is to be deputy chief executive of Lloyds TSB, responsible for integrating the group's retail operations. Strangely though, Andrew Longhurst, chief executive of Cheltenham & Gloucester whose mortgages will be sold in Lloyds TSB branches, while losing his seat on the new board, will skip a rank and continue to report direct to Sir Brian. Perhaps Lloyds TSB does not consider mortgages to be part of the group's retail banking operations? Or perhaps Mr Longhurst, formerly seen as a contender for the top job, had to be compensated for his loss of a voice in the boardroom.

Own-label price

ASDA and Archie Norman may have been credited with breaking the Net Book Agreement, but Tesco and Ian MacLaurin will not let the third-largest food retailer have it all its own way. Tesco, the second-largest, has cut the price of Delia Smith's new cookbook *The Winter Collection* to £9.99 — £1 cheaper than Asda. Tesco's offer seems to be a little late in the day. The book — the biggest beneficiary of the breaking of the NBA — sold 500,000 copies in its first week, and Asda has already sold lots and had to reorder, chirruped a spokeswoman.



"Look after it this time"

Own woman

AMONG the ten plcs vying for tonight's top award from Opportunity 2000, the organisation formed with the aim of getting more women into top jobs, are three companies with something in common. Barclays Bank, MFI and Avon Cosmetics all have Mary Baker as a non-executive director. Mary Baker was until recently president of Women in Management. She is also the wife of Kenneth Baker, the former Conservative Party chairman and Home Secretary, but it is a brave person who describes her as such. An appendage she certainly is not.

Splashdown

BRIAN TAYLOR is a chief executive who has been unable to test his own products. But now the boss of Wardle Storeys, which makes military parachutes and ejector seats, is preparing for his first parachute jump since he was an RAF pilot. Mr Taylor is now a shadow of his former self, having shed four and a half stones. He can now comfortably get in an aircraft seat and test a parachute again. His jump will be over water, with the Army's special boat division lending a hand to reduce the risk of broken limbs.

Tax bites

A NEW US tax rule on expenses could add up to $50 to the cost of a dinner on the road. Under the new set-up, companies need not keep receipts for travelling expenses totalling $75 or less. Until October 1, companies were required to keep receipts for anything over $25.

Planning for take-off at City airport

The new owner has a reputation as a canny investor, says Alasdair Murray

London City Airport has proved to be a millstone round the neck of John Mowlem, the construction company, since the project was launched.

Conceived at the height of the Dockland's property boom in the 1980s, the airport was launched in 1985 amid great fanfare as the perfect business traveller's solution — a fast and easy service to Europe available just six miles from the City.

But like its near neighbour, Canary Wharf, the early promises were undermined by the lack of infrastructure and the recession. When the airport opened in 1987, Mowlem said it would make a profit in three years. Eight years on, it is yet to show any return on the £80 million poured in.

At first, the only aircraft that could use the tiny runway was the 40-seat Dash 7, whose limited range prevented flights to many major European Cities, and the speedy transport links to the City proved to be an illusion for travellers trapped on heavily congested East End roads with no rail or Tube alternatives.

The airport discounted charges to airlines to drum up business, but even that was not enough to prevent British Midland, one of the original participants, from pulling out in 1991.

Mowlem — facing problems elsewhere in its business — became increasingly disillusioned with the airport and a sale has been mooted since 1993. But it has clung on since then, while the airport has begun to make tentative progress.

Behind the airport's improved performance are two vital infrastructure projects: the extension of the runway in 1992 and the construction of the Limehouse Link.

The extension has enabled aircraft such as the 85-seat BAe 146 to use the airport and brought almost all of Western Europe's business capitals into range. Meanwhile, the the Limehouse Link has at last given some credence to the airport's claim to be within 20 minutes drive of the City and West End. The number of routes has begun to expand and the number of passengers has grown to 480,00 in 1994 from 150,000 in 1991.

The airport is hoping to attract a record 550,000 passengers this year — close to the break-even point.

And losses are beginning to decline as the traffic grows, from £6.1 million in 1993 to £4.2 million in 1994, and £1.6 million for the first six months of this year.

There are now about 35 flights daily from the airport to ten European destinations from Dublin to Frankfurt, available through airlines such as Air France, Lufthansa, Sabena and Virgin. Air France is also expanding its service by introducing Fokker-70 jets on services to Paris, while Interot Airways will be launching sevices to Augsburg and Cologne/Bonn from next week. In the spring, the newly formed World Airlines will launch a service to Amsterdam. But in spite of the improvements, fundamental problems remain, sufficient to persuade Ken Minton, Mowlem's new chairman, there was no point in persevering any longer. Dermot Desmond, the new owner, comes with experience of running airports through a stint as non-executive chairman of Aer Rianta, the Irish Republic's state-owned airport authority. But analysts still suspect he may have inherited a poisoned chalice.

> "The move may just be worth the gamble"

The numbers of passengers needed to reach a break-even point has been steadily revised upwards almost yearly since the opening and now stands at more than half a million. Most of the airlines using the airport remain small and vulnerable and a collapse such as that last year of Conti-Flug, the German airline, could be devastating. The loss of Conti-Flug's Berlin service resulted in an immediate 13 per cent fall in passengers, although the shortfall has been made up since.

There is no major British presence in the airport, which would help to provide much needed credibility. And while transport links have improved, they remain less than perfect.

But Mr Desmond has a reputation as a canny investor and at a price well below the book value of £20 million, it may just be worth the gamble.

Robert Miller looks at how a charity recovered from fraud

The saving of the Salvation Army

The Lord has certainly looked after the Salvation Army. Very few individuals or organisations who fall victim to fraud ever recover all of their money, if indeed they get any of it back at all.

The announcement yesterday that the Salvation Army had not only recovered the $8.8 million which it lost to sophisticated fraudsters in May 1992 but had also secured a total of $13.7 million to cover lost interest and the recovery and tracing costs involved must rank as a near miracle.

It also means that the Sally Army can go ahead with 13 "critical and urgent" projects for the homeless, the aged and a children's home with its restored millions.

That the Army, which last year generated an income of more than £98 million compared with £92 million the previous year, became a victim of crime illustrates how easy it is to be caught out by sophisticated fraudsters. The Salvation Army funds were supposed to be invested in prime bank instruments or standby letters of credit, issued by reputable banks, which could be bought at a discount and subsequently sold at a guaranteed profit.

Of course, no such instruments exist and the trail of missing money led Slaughter and May, the Army's solicitor, through no less than 13 countries. It also involved tracking down investments totally out of kilter with the charity's philosophy such as a pub in the Highlands.

In an even stranger twist, the original fraudsters were themselves duped by Harold Glantz, a New Yorker with long-established links withorganised crime in the US. In 1992, the FBI were told that Glantz had been murdered over a $600,000 debt owed to a member of the Gambino crime family. In fact, Glantz was buying a house for himself and members of his own family in California using some of the Salvation Army money.

But, unlike other smaller, less well-off charities, the Salvation Army could at least call on some of the finest lay advisers in the City and still does. Its vast funds — it has assets of nearly £240 million — are managed by Fleming, one of the most respected money managers in the business. And, to overcome any doubts that may have lingered in the public's mind about how their donations were spent since news of the fraud broke, the Army has doubled its expenditure on public relations and fundraising to £3.5 million.



Time to celebrate: the Salvation Army's restoration of funds was miraculous

At the time the fraud was perpetrated in May 1992, charities in general, and particularly those in the front line such as the Salvation Army, were experiencing ever-greater calls on their resources and diminishing returns from stock market investments. The fact that Colonel Grenville Burn, the Army's fundraiser, fell for the fraudsters' line of chat, was a mark of gullibility not culpability. The Charity Commissioners, the sector's regulator, recognised as much when it said yesterday that "senior officers made errors of judgment and that certain internal procedures needed to be tightened". Burn was dismissed.

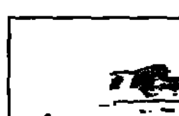
The Army was warned by two experienced lay members of its investment panel that the prime bank instruments were extremely suspect but the deal went ahead anyway.

In tracking down the missing millions, Slaughter and May was able to side-step criminal law and head straight to the civil courts in different countries. By doing so, the firm was able to secure settlements from a large number of parties involved in handling the Army's misappropriated funds.

For officers in the Metropolitan Police Company Fraud Department, the investigation has been even more complex. As one senior source said last night: "Whenever other countries are involved there are enormously complicated matters of jurisdiction to overcome and these take time. In the case of the Salvation Army, there was no question that it wouldn't help once the matter became public."

He said: "But in other instances there are a great many investors who do not want to co-operate because they are embarrassed that, as supposedly sophisticated business people, they let themselves be talked into making a silly investment." As charities pick up more and more of the social services once provided by the State, the onus on them to raise more funds will become greater.

What the Salvation Army case demonstrates is that everyone involved in the sector, from the half-a-million people who are unpaid trustees of charities to the professionals employed in a business capacity, can never afford to relax their vigilance. That said, Slaughter and May has performed a singular service to the Sally Army and the many hundreds of thousands of people who benefit from their work.



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SHARP INTELLIGENT THINKING

Butte sues Simon affiliates for £100m

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

SUBSIDIARIES of Simon Engineering, makers of fire rescue gear, were yesterday served with claims for damages running to £100 million in the latest instalment of a long-running wrangle with Butte Mining.

Butte, which was floated in 1987 but is now purely a litigation company pursuing actions against former directors in America, launched the action against the Robertson subsidiaries of Simon as a counterclaim. Robertson had demanded payment for its covering of a bank loan relating to development of mining land in the state of Montana.

Robertson, a minerals consultancy business, had advised Butte over the acquisition of the land in 1988. The Robertson group was bought by Simon Engineering for £53 million in 1991.

The purchase of £51 million worth of land in Montana that proved to be largely worthless led to the downfall of Butte, which had issued shares to finance the acquisition in the hope of extracting silver. An investigation by the Serious Fraud Office brought the arrest in June this year of Clive Smith, a businessman, and Roy Bichan, a former deputy chairman of the Welsh Development Agency who had also worked for Robertson. The inquiry is continuing.

Butte has pursued claims in America against 77 former directors and employees. In January this year, Simon Engineering, of which Maurice Dixson is chief executive, and its subsidiaries were granted injunctions stopping Butte taking any further actions in America.

Ernst & Young, the accountant, is also the subject of a counterclaim in the UK after it sued Butte for non-payment of fees. Butte made a claim for £4 million against Ernst & Young complaining about the report that it made on a sandmaker in Stoke on Trent that Butte bought for £4 million. Butte sold the sandmaker for £100,000 in 1993 as its last asset before it became a litigation vehicle.

David Lloyd-Jacob, chairman of Butte, said yesterday that the company was hopeful of recovering the damages via the High Court action. He said that the permanent injunction against the mining company taking further action in America was not an insurmountable problem. "It was just a matter of establishing jurisdiction guidelines and we have taken action in a large number of cases in the US," he said.

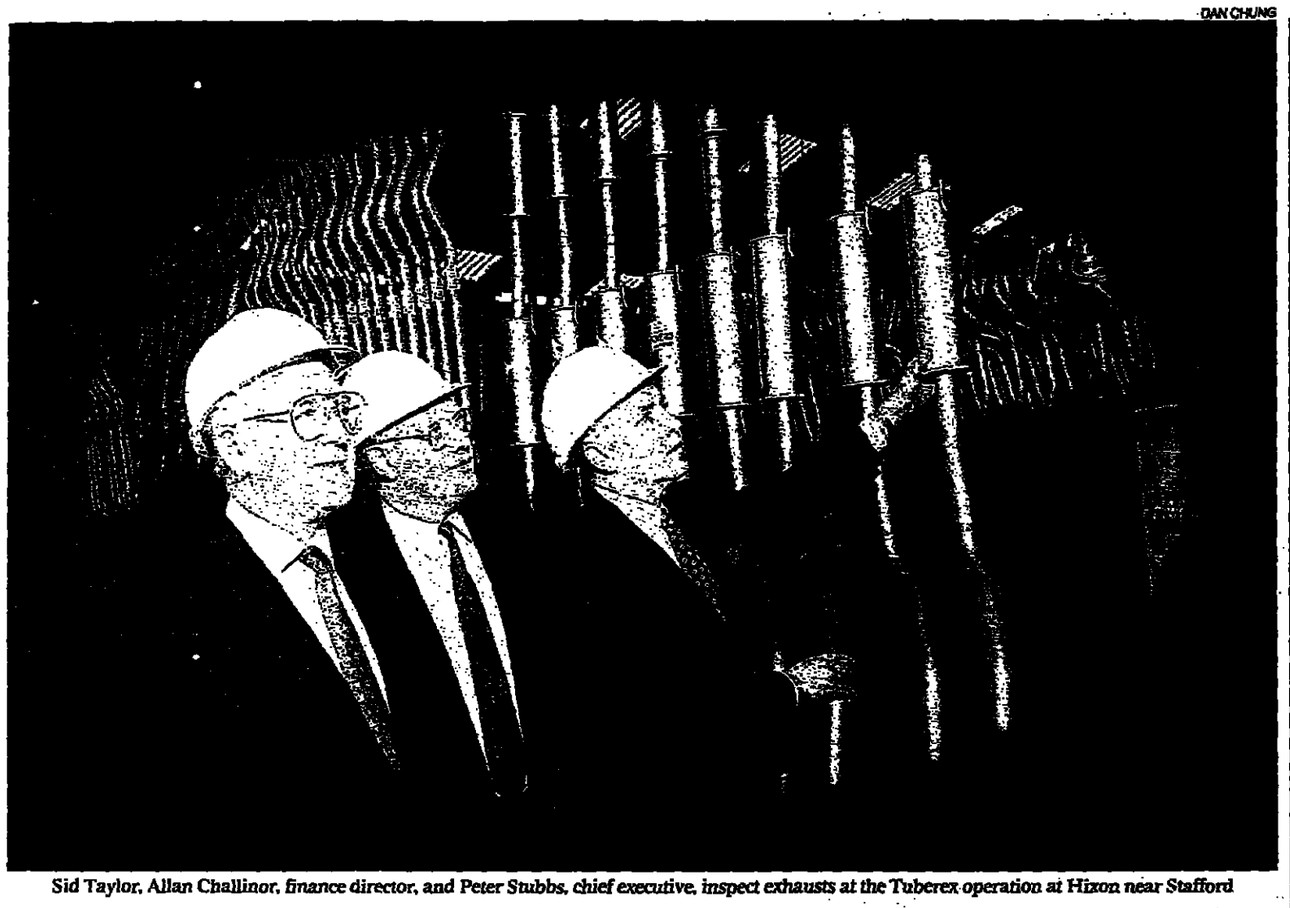
Butte shares were unchanged at 1¾p yesterday. In 1988, they were worth 188p. Simon Engineering, which recently clawed its way back into profit, fell 4p to 82p. The company said that the move by Butte was expected and that it reflected allegations from the past three years.

That Butte had removed the name of Simon from the allegations, citing instead the subsidiaries' names, was, however, a useful move, it added. It also said that it did not expect to make a settlement.



Dixson: Simon chief

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DAN CHUNG

Sid Taylor, Allan Challinor, finance director, and Peter Stubbs, chief executive, inspect exhausts at the Tuberex operation at Hixon near Stafford

Car parts group pays first interim

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

A MAIDEN interim dividend of 2p is being paid by Independent Parts Group, the manufacturer and distributor of automotive parts that was floated in September 1994.

The dividend comes after a modest rise in first-half profits in spite of tough trading conditions.

Pre-tax profits climbed to £1.54 million in the six months to September 30, up from a pro-forma £1.45 million last time, on turnover ahead 8.8 per cent to £9.06 million.

The company was formed in April 1994 when it acquired Tuberex, a manufacturer and distributor of exhausts, and Veco Automotive, a distributor of car parts. Both have performed well.

Sid Taylor, chairman, said that Tuberex continued to grow organically through new product development and an extensive promotional campaign, while Veco is due to launch two new product lines early next year.

The group recently strengthened its position as a supplier to the automotive aftermarket with the £6 million acquisition of Autostart and Quest Components, which make starter motors, alternators, dynamos and distributors.

Mr Taylor is optimistic on prospects.

He said: "I am encouraged by the performance in the first half and, with the group having made its first strategic acquisition, I am confident that further progress will be made."

Earnings per share rise to 5.77p from 5.43p previously. The interim dividend is payable on December 11.

The shares were unchanged at 135p, compared with a flotation price of 112p.

Electra buys supplier for £50m

ELECTRA FLEMING, the fund management group, has made its biggest investment since it was formed in July (Patricia Tehan writes).

It is paying £49.9 million for Personnel Hygiene Services, a UK washroom services supplier, with £42.9 million of cash and a contingent loan note of £7 million.

Electra Fleming was created when Robert Fleming, the investment bank, paid £29.5 million for a half share in Electra Kingsway, which manages Electra Investment Trust, a leading investor in private companies.

PHS made an operating profit of £4.09 million in the year to March 31 on sales of £29 million.

UK Estates moves back into profit

BY OUR CITY STAFF

STRONG growth in rental income helped UK Estates, the Manchester property investment company, to return to the black with a pre-tax profit of £610,000 in the year to June 30, compared with a loss of £650,000 last time.

The company, which concentrates on regional office and retail investments, saw gross income advance to £4.37 million (£2.89 million), driven by a surge in property income to £2.89 million (£1.25 million). Money-broking commission slipped to £1.47 million (£1.64 million). The results of Sterling Brokers have been consolidated this time, but are expected to be classified as discontinued activities next year after the implementation of a management buyout currently being negotiated.

David Gradel, chief executive, expects further growth in the future. He said that the growth in the company's rental income is expected to continue through the letting of properties currently being refurbished and the acquisition of further investments.

There is a final dividend of 0.15p, giving a total of 0.25p (nil) for the year, from earnings of 1.01p a share (2.58p loss). Net assets per share increased to 32p (30p). Gearing stood at 128 per cent (135 per cent).

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BY PHILIP PANGALOS

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Those being closed include Peter Barron (Models), a supplier of women's fashionwear, Veiture, a low-margin wholesaler of women's and menswear, Two Too Clothing Company, a maker of women's fashionwear, Cable Cloth Company, a woven fabric merchant converter, and Harold Lee (Harlee), a childrenswear supplier.

The closures are expected to involve about 50 job losses, which represents about 15 per cent of the group's workforce.

Improved margins and acquisitions helped Helene to lift pre-tax profits to £2.01 million in the six months to June 30, compared with £1.28 million, on turnover of £66.8 million (£51.8 million). The results were boosted by a healthy contribution from Reggie, the womenswear and raincoat importer acquired last year.

The interim dividend is cut by a third to 0.43p from 0.65p, out of earnings per shares of 0.67p, compared with 0.62p. The company added that it intends to recommend a final dividend of 0.91p, compared with 1.36p, giving a total of 1.34p (2.01p) for the year to December 31.

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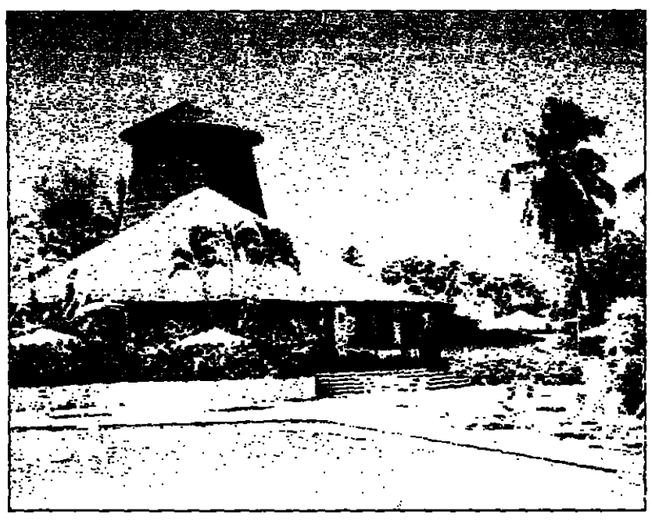
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Those losses caused in part by Peter Barron (Modes), a supplier of women's fashion garments. Venture, a wholesaler of women's and menswear, Tom Jay Clothing Company, a maker of women's knitwear, Cable Cloth Company, a woven fabric converter, and Charles Lee Harlech, a menswear supplier.

Operations are expected to cost about 50 job losses, with representatives of the trade unions and the Helene management meeting on Thursday.

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Some easy answers to noisy workplaces

A BOOKLET highlighting the health dangers of noise at work will be published next month to offer advice to employers (Brian Collett writes).

Sound Solutions will be part of the Health and Safety Executive's three-year campaign to remove health hazards, mainly in small businesses, where conditions are sometimes unfavourable through lack of knowledge rather than lack of resources and caring.

Excessive noise can cause headaches, deafness and tinnitus. The executive's spokeswoman said: "Hundreds of thousands are exposed to it and many suffer permanent hearing damage."

Often, however, the precautions are simple and inexpensive, such as earplugs or noise barriers. For example, a company with a serious noise problem from machines chopping up lengths of wire acted on consultants' advice to fit noise enclosures.

The executive started the campaign in the spring after considering the incidence of illness caused or aggravated by work. It estimated that 2.2 million employees suffer in this way and that 750,000 of them take sickness absence annually as a result.

One message was that safeguarding employees' health reduces sick pay and beefs up productivity. Sir John Harvey-Jones, the management guru and a supporter of the campaign, said: "Well-run businesses are invariably happy and healthy ones, and profitable as well." Hence the campaign title: Good Health is Good Business.

Two earlier booklets advise employers on creating good conditions for chest sufferers, such as keeping the air clear of allergens that trigger asthma, and on ensuring that muscle and joint strain, including RSI, is minimised.

During the first year, inspectors are making 600 works visits to check policy on respiratory problems, strain injury and noise. Awareness is being spread by seminars arranged through local authorities, trade unions, employers and professional bodies and by contact with doctors. The campaign is summarised in the executive's guide, *Health Risk Management*. Information: 0171-717 6000 and the executive's local offices.

Patient finds his own prescription for change

Rodney Hobson on how a budding businessman broke into a new market



BARRY GREENWOOD

Mark Rawson with some of the magazines he distributes to doctors' and dentists' surgeries

It was a lucky break for Mark Rawson when he turned over his ankle. He spotted a business opportunity that would never have occurred to him. Mr Rawson explains: "I spent a fair amount of time in hospital two-and-a-half years ago. I was sick to death of the magazines for patients to read. They were terrible. Round about the time I broke my ankle, I also had major dental work, which meant another hospital stay. I was bored to the back teeth with the reading material."

Mr Rawson, from Chaigley, near Clitheroe, Lancashire, decided that patients deserved something more up to date than ten-year-old copies of *Punch*. So he approached top magazine producers to see if he could buy magazines that were just one month old but which had been withdrawn from the newsagents' shelves to make way for the next edition. He says: "I was received cautiously when I offered to buy the magazines that were going to be sent for pulp. The publishers had to pay to have them pulped. I was prepared to pay a nominal fee for them. The trade was worried that the magazines would end up on local market stalls at 30p each. It was difficult to persuade them that I was a credible business." In the end, all the major publishing houses were won over. Support from East Lancashire Training and Enterprise Council helped. MagPak, Mr Rawson's new company, secured copies of magazines such as *Vogue, Tatler, Cosmopolitan, Good Housekeeping*, and *Elle*. For sports enthusiasts, he acquired supplies of *Golf World* and *Rugby News*; for home lovers, *House Beautiful, House and Garden* and *World of Interiors*. He handles a broad range of 24 titles.

Mr Rawson's working background was in sales and marketing and he was able to sell the idea of supplying magazines at about half price or less to doctors and dentists. However, many felt they could not justify the cost when money for treatment was tight. The move towards private healthcare, particularly among dentists, helped.

Mr Rawson runs MagPak from an office at home. He employs a few part-timers and two or three salesmen. Magazines are collected from warehouses and distributed by a national haulier. The speed of the operation removes the need for expensive storage space.

Customers can stipulate which magazines they want, but since supplies depend on what is returned from newsagents, MagPak reserves the right to substitute a similar title if necessary. Doctors and dentists take one copy of each magazine they order, but hospitals may require 40 copies of each of ten titles.

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Late payments on European bankers and traders' agenda

By Brian Collett

EUROPEAN bankers and traders' representatives will meet regularly during the next 12 months to find ways of improving the relationship between small businesses and lenders.

They will make up the European Commission's newly formed second round table on small business and banking. The first, which consisted only of bankers and reported last year, considered how financing could be developed. The new meetings will assess the needs of small enterprises and will include business nominees.

The round table, which is split into several groups to consider specific issues, regards difficulty in obtaining finance as the "main obstacle to the creation and development of small enterprises". It will therefore discuss the availability and cost of funds and the guarantees businesses can offer. The late payment of bills will be another discussion point.

Many bankers, however, believe access to finance is no longer a big problem. Small businesses today are telling researchers that late payment is a much greater worry. Overdue debts amount to £15 billion at any time.

Ian Peters, head of National Westminster Bank's small business services, one of the two British members of the round table, emphasises that the information on which the commission is basing its aims is about four years old.

In four years, finance has become more accessible and about 70 per cent of NatWest lending to small businesses is now in term loans — four years ago 70 per cent was in overdraft form. At round table meetings, Mr Peters will make out the case for businesses to have a legal right to charge interest on late payments and for small claims court procedures to be speeded up. Plaintiffs often wait months between the first approach to a court and the judgment, a delay that could damage a business.

The other British member, Stan Mendham, the Forum of Private Business chief executive, will argue for greater use of participative risk assessment, in which bank and client discuss a project's potential before finance is agreed.

Mr Peters said: "We welcome this round table because it gives an opportunity to put the record straight and be pragmatic and find potential solutions."



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More than a third of Britain's small retailers are taking only a week's continuous holiday every year, reports a Lloyds Bank survey, and nearly a third of all business owners with fewer than four workers also take only a week. The reason that many gave was that leaving employees in charge causes too much stress. Of the retailers surveyed, 46 per cent holidayed in Britain.

☐ More than three-quarters of small businesses have not increased employee numbers in the past year, while 14 per cent expect to recruit more staff in the next three months, reports the quarterly trends survey by National Westminster Bank and the Open University's Small Business Research Trust. Low turnover and uncertainty about the economy are blamed.

☐ A free seminar on how businesses can help employees with families will be held at the Star Hotel, Worcester, on Friday. Contact Sue Fry at Hereford and Worcester Tec on 01905 723200.

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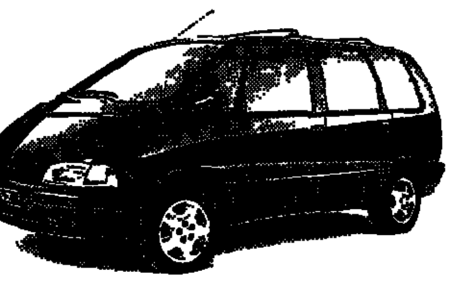
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American Portfolio	104.03	110.39	+ 0.92	1.01
European Portfolio	108.63	116.33†	+ 1.26	0.58
High Income	50.87	90.98	+ 0.18	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	63.10	67.12†	- 0.49	
Pacific Portfolio	140.43	151.00	+ 0.40	1.48
UK Inc & Growth	83.11	89.16†	+ 0.47	3.04
Utility & Bond	58.03	58.78	+ 0.27	6.52
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	709.36	730.08		4.42
Fxd Int Sec	152.17	152.77		9.43
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	696.61	707.13	...	4.51
Investment Acc	128.67	131.14		
Fixed Int Inc	124.21	124.71		9.22
Fixed Int Acc	266.69	287.51	...	...
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 837 7887				
Intl Growth	117.35	129.72		
UK Income	110.58	120.60	...	6.33
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	86.19	90.99†		2.67
Beck Bio-Tech	37.15	40.92		
Acorn Ethical Tst	162.69	170.84	...	0.75
City Fin Assets	73.38	76.95†	- 0.52	2.12
City Fin America	95.32	100.09		
City Fin Intl	82.49	86.61†		1.37
City Fin Japan	145.83	152.92		
Frans Hse Cap	278.00	301.20	+ 0.10	2.42
Frans Hse Inc	193.39	203.38	- 0.04	4.03
Buckley Wrld Grth	123.90	137.89†		
Fairmnt Cap Gth	140.78	150.37		
Fairmount Intl	150.15	161.10		
J Skl IncGth Inc	55.49	58.27		2.01
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	54.90	58.25	- 0.06	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	70.83	75.75	+ 0.56	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	38.51	41.72	+ 0.35	0.62
Dragon Growth	66.01	70.59	+ 0.06	0.95
Equity High Inc	85.93	92.10	+ 0.44	4.12
-do- Accum	119.31	127.67	- 0.61	4.12
Extra Income Inc	25.87	27.23†	- 0.04	7.69
Extra Income Acc	26.92	28.34	- 0.04	7.69
European Gwth	54.9[illegible]	58.48	+ 0.90	1.24
Evergreen	26.85	28.71	- 0.02	
General Equity	90.63	96.16	+ 0.68	3.03
Japan Growth	46.51	49.74	+ 0.23	
Pedigree Gwth	54.90	58.96	+ 0.30	2.90
Ped Sm Cos Inc	32.61	34.89	- 0.02	1.70
-do- Accum	34.12	36.33	- 0.02	1.70
Retirement Inc #	26.53	28.22	+ 0.12	5.87
Special Sits	40.97	43.58	+ 0.23	2.38
UK & Overseas	51.78	55.08	- 0.47	1.29
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 800				
Capital	72.69	75.51	+ 0.42	2.01
Balanced	63.75	66.30	+ 0.24	4.24
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	164.90	175.43†	+ 0.55	4.99
Fixed & Convertible	39.42	41.94†	+ 0.09	6.93
Monthly Inc Plus	48.06	51.13	- 0.32	8.76
Preference Share	44.40	47.23†	- 0.98	8.25
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	124.90	132.87†	+ 0.14	8.11
Managed Fund	70.43	74.93†	+ 0.41	3.10
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	41.98	44.66	- 0.16	1.82
-do- Accum	48.87	51.99	- 0.18	1.82
UK & General	85.01	90.44†	+ 0.40	2.81
-do- Accum	109.08	116.04†	+ 0.50	2.81
UK Growth	156.94	166.96	- 0.26	3.42
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	188.77	200.82	+ 1.80	0.12
Far Eastern Grth	124.19	132.12	+ 0.50	
Global Bond	80.94	86.00†	+ 0.08	6.23
Japan Growth	108.58	115.51	+ 0.54	
North Amer Gth	192.17	204.44	+ 2.17	
Oriental Growth	75.85	80.69	+ 0.01	0.07
Worldwide Growth	66.35	70.59†	+ 0.54	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.77	91.77†	+ 0.03	6.08
Homesafer Fund	83.74	89.09	+ 0.47	1.70
Quilter Fund	139.89	148.82	+ 0.89	2.05
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.48	34.75		3.42
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	169.10	179.90†	+ 1.10	1.39
Income	71.78	76.38	+ 0.28	5.58
European	63.50	67.55	+ 0.46	1.16
Recovery	168.90	179.70	+ 0.70	2.01
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	897.80	912.20		3.46
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	89.18	94.87†	+ 0.12	1.56
Income #	256.10	272.40†	+ 0.90	4.34
-do- Accum #	656.78	698.60†	+ 2.30	4.35
Smaller Cos	192.40	204.60	- 0.20	1.01
-do- Accum	236.80	251.90	- 0.10	1.01
Inv Portfolio	87.10	92.65	+ 0.32	1.61
High Inc Port #	75.29	80.09	+ 0.32	4.45
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1563.20	1614.00		
Japan Small Cos	1066.30	1087.60		
UK Small Cos	1923.60	2004.20		
US Small Cos	1829.80	1887.10		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	219.80	231.40		2.91
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	290.80	307.00	+ 3.50	0.69
New Asia	212.60	226.50†	+ 0.70	0.15
Japan Growth	105.60	112.30†	+ 0.30	
Jap Smlr Co	425.80	451.50	- 1.00	
Nth Amer	316.70	333.80	- 0.20	0.88
UK Inc & Gth	224.60	239.60†	+ 1.50	2.78
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	152.00	161.60	+ 0.80	1.86
UK High Inc Inc	160.70	170.90	+ 0.80	4.21
-do- Accum	209.80	223.10	+ 1.10	4.21
UK Prsf & F I Inc	58.72	62.26	+ 0.08	5.04
Emerging Opps	92.70	98.61	+ 0.32	0.95
UK Smlr Cos #	59.99	63.39	- 0.13	0.01
Extra Income Inc	47.04	49.93	- 0.21	15.82
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 528				
American	139.70	148.30	- 0.80	1.18
Convertibles #	21.14	22.48†	+ 0.03	6.23
Equity Income #	132.00	140.20†	+ 0.60	3.78
EuroFund	50.09	53.07	+ 0.17	0.38
Financial	47.42	50.38†	+ 0.17	1.49
Growth & Inc #	254.90	270.80	- 1.70	2.84
High Dist #	165.60	176.00	+ 0.90	4.26
International	388.20	412.50	+ 2.40	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	94.47	100.40†	+ 0.20	2.74
Latin American	24.91	26.47	- 0.03	
Pacific	77.87	82.74†	- 0.08	
Pref High Inc	21.21	22.54†	+ 0.04	7.32
Tokyo	207.80	220.60†	+ 0.30	
UK Smaller Cos	252.80	268.60	- 0.30	1.02
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BM Director Dlgs	95.97	104.87	- 0.39	1.42
Growth Acc	232.18	247.90	- 3.52	0.75
Income	581.47	619.31	- 9.11	5.39
Intl & General	399.38	416.77	- 15.78	0.15
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7281				
Endurance Fd	209.43	222.80†		1.04
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	83.11	87.48	+ 1.00	3.09
Ethical Tst	43.90	46.21	+ 0.49	1.43
Far Eastern	289.89	306.15	+ 0.82	1.83
High Income	135.45	142.58	+ 0.86	4.81
Intl Growth	119.76	126.06	+ 0.56	0.58
North American	126.41	133.06	+ 1.45	1.88
Pelican	124.70	131.26†	- 0.78	3.41
Smaller Cos	66.76	70.27	- 0.08	2.79
Special Sits	87.84	92.46	+ 0.09	2.83
Tst of Inv Tsts	189.23	199.19	+ 1.02	1.32
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	193.96	208.34†	- 0.05	1.37
Smaller Cos Acc	343.25	365.16†	- 0.11	1.37
Recovery	49.10	52.23	- 0.05	1.89
Recovery Acc	50.00	53.19	- 0.04	1.89
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	86.52	92.78†	+ 0.37	
Fd of Inv Tsts	46.04	48.11	+ 0.18	0.59
High Income #	40.62	43.53†	+ 0.02	10.57
Warrant	50.37	54.64†	- 0.37	
Zero Preference	41.39	43.92	- 0.03	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 229 707				
Family Asset Tst	81.36	86.44†	+ 0.610	3.08
Family Income Tst	44.09	44.09†	+ 0.270	6.66
Family Trust	89.55	95.35†	+ 0.350	2.01
United Charities	262.90	279.60†	+ 2.400	4.74
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	..	6.10
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.46	27.55†	+ 0.01	7.25
Intl Bond	29.75	30.35†	- 0.01	5.53
Income Funds				
High Income	24.73	26.00	- 0.05	5.55
Income Plus	116.80	124.20	- 0.40	4.26
Amer Eq Inc	53.08	56.24	- 0.51	1.57
European Income	44.35	47.16	+ 0.20	2.43
Far East Inc	64.38	68.43	- 0.01	2.41
Global Convertible	23.63	25.21†	+ 0.02	2.77
UK Div Gth	27.02	28.73	+ 0.10	2.25
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	60.59	64.63†	- 0.01	
American	275.90	292.50	+ 3.80	
Amer Spec Sits	148.00	158.00	- 1.80	
Japan Smaller Cos	33.96	36.23	- 0.13	
European	193.10	205.40†	- 0.70	
European Opps	68.22	72.54	+ 0.62	
Global Pnv	27.37	28.11	+ 0.24	
UK Growth	102.40	108.90	- 0.10	
Growth & Inc	154.00	163.80	+ 0.90	2.85
Intl PEP	41.09	43.69	+ 0.18	
Japan Spec Sits	81.08	86.34	- 0.07	
Japan	175.20	186.40	- 0.20	
Managed Intl	306.70	326.00	- 2.00	
Moneybuilder	57.39	61.03	- 0.19	
Recovery	49.26	53.36	- 0.02	
South E Asia	160.40	171.10†	+ 0.10	
Special Sits	585.00	622.10	- 0.70	
Specified Funds				
Cash Accum Units	111.57	111.57	+ 0.04	6.10
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2708				
Balanced #	139.30	142.00†		2.30
Inc Ptflio #	88.47	90.18	+ 0.36	3.19
Cap Ptflio	147.30	149.70	- 0.50	1.51
General Opps	127.70	129.40†		3.59
Growth Inc	32.67	33.24	+ 0.07	1.40
Private Portfolio	436.10	443.30		1.65
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 018				
European	120.40	127.50	+ 1.40	0.81
Emrg Asian	151.40	161.90†	- 1.60	
High Income	20.81	22.13†	+ 0.09	10.17
UK Growth	114.50	122.80	- 0.80	2.49
UK Income	106.30	113.50	+ 0.70	4.39
US Smaller Cos	351.50	376.70†	+ 0.60	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	75.86	79.77†		4.28
Investment Trust	98.94	101.94†	+ 0.16	
UK Smaller Cos	92.17	96.92	- 0.13	0.96

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775611				
American Growth	67.45	71.93	+ 0.82	...
-do- Accum	67.45	71.93	+ 0.82	
Amer Smlr Cos	570.20	609.80	+ 4.03	
-do- Accum	582.60	623.10	+ 4.39	
Capital Tst	332.70	353.80†		1.52
-do- Accum	483.20	513.90†		1.52
Conv Smlr Cos	58.52	62.43	- 0.04	0.66
-do- Accum	61.75	65.87	- 0.04	0.66
Convertible	131.30	139.60	+ 0.40	5.37
-do- Accum	270.60	286.00	+ 0.80	5.37
Emerging Markets	63.95	68.32	- 0.06	
-do- Accum	64.80	68.97	- 0.06	
European	123.80	131.20	+ 1.20	0.43
-do- Accum	130.20	137.90	+ 1.10	0.43
Extra Income	357.40	380.10	+ 1.90	3.86
-do- Accum	545.70	583.50	+ 2.80	3.86
Financial	139.00	149.10†	+ 0.60	0.73
-do- Accum	147.10	157.80†	+ 0.70	0.73
Gth Invst	61.84	63.76†	+ 0.39	0.29
-do- Accum	91.06	93.90†	+ 0.58	6.29
Health Fund Inc	189.20	201.00	+ 0.90	
-do- Accum	189.20	201.00	+ 0.90	
Income & Growth	205.90	219.00	+ 0.80	3.61
-do- Accum	315.70	335.60	+ 1.30	3.61
Intl Growth	384.90	411.00†	+ 2.30	
-do- Accum	427.40	456.40†	+ 2.50	
Japan & Gen	171.70	183.10	+ 0.80	
-do- Accum	173.40	184.90	+ 0.70	
Monthly Inc	177.10	185.30†	+ 0.50	3.67
Managed Port Inc	118.60	116.40	- 0.40	2.04
-do- Accum	118.60	125.00	- 0.40	2.04
Quarterly Income	53.18	57.02	- 0.22	4.48
-do- Accum	58.43	62.65	+ 0.25	4.48
Recovery	341.80	365.60	+ 1.20	0.16
-do- Accum	403.60	431.50	+ 1.40	0.16
UK Growth	58.44	62.47	+ 0.24	2.44
-do- Accum	61.93	66.21	+ 0.26	2.44
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP America	51.18	54.44	+ 0.82	0.60
FP Am Smlr Cos	146.80	156.10	+ 0.40	
FP Asian Growth	254.40	272.00	+ 0.10	
FP Australian	340.00	364.80	+ 3.60	...
FP Equity Dist	404.60	430.40	+ 1.70	2.70
-do- Accum	866.50	921.80	+ 3.80	2.70
FP Euro Gth	231.90	246.70	+ 1.80	0.22
-do- Accum	252.10	268.10	+ 2.00	0.22
FP Intl Bond	59.45	62.91	+ 0.14	4.78
FP Intl Gth Dist	33.63	35.89	+ 0.22	0.54
-do- Accum	48.77	52.04	+ 0.31	0.54
FP Pac Basin Acc	200.20	214.00†	+ 0.70	
FP Income	55.76	59.47	+ 0.23	4.83
-do- Accum	183.90	196.10	+ 0.70	4.63
FP Jap Smlr Cos	291.60	311.20	+ 8.30	
FP Monthly Dist	71.75	76.57†	+ 0.18	5.78
FP Stlg Deposit	100.40	100.40†		6.25
FP Tokyo	76.27	81.35	+ 0.26	
FP UK Focus	36.52	39.20†	+ 0.17	2.82
FP UK Growth	179.30	191.20	- 1.10	2.78
-do- Accum	351.90	375.30	+ 2.00	2.78
Stewardship Dist	361.80	384.80	+ 0.30	1.91
-do- Accum	446.70	475.20	+ 0.40	1.91
Stwdshp Inc Dist	74.04	78.76	- 0.04	3.71
-do- Accum	97.67	103.90	- 0.10	3.71
N Am Stshp Dist	108.20	115.10	+ 1.00	0.92
-do- Accum	115.60	122.90	+ 1.10	0.92
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	111.30	118.40	- 1.30	1.17
Open Cap Gth Acc	115.80	123.10	- 1.30	0.11
Cap Gth Inc Inc	107.60	114.40	- 1.20	2.25
Cap Gth Inc Acc	111.30	118.40	- 1.20	2.25
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	113.30	120.50	- 1.00	3.34
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	117.70	125.20	- 1.00	3.34
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	257.50	272.30	+ 1.40	2.26
Cash	49.80	50.54	+ 0.01	5.26
Growth Portfolio	78.72	83.44	+ 0.40	0.98
Income Portfolio	65.03	68.77	+ 0.32	4.48
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 238 8441				
Special Sits	203.30	217.40	- 0.60	1.58
Dividend	90.79	97.10	- 0.06	3.86
Inv Gilt & Inc	228.90	244.80	+ 2.00	3.14
UK & Gen	46.30	49.52	- 0.07	2.12
Fund of Funds	66.66	71.38†	- 0.55	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	202.50	216.60	- 0.30	
European	611.40	652.70	+ 4.60	0.42
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	49.83	52.93†	+ 0.04	5.13
-do- Accum	54.02	57.60	+ 0.04	5.13
Far East & Gen	248.60	265.90	- 0.90	
Germany	119.90	126.90†	- 1.10	
High Yield #	48.90	51.70	+ 0.21	8.22
-do- Accum #	50.55	53.44	+ 0.22	8.22
Income Inc	164.90	176.40	+ 0.60	4.45
-do- Accum	181.90	194.60	+ 0.70	4.45
International	343.00	366.80	+ 1.60	0.19
Intl Income	85.41	91.54	+ 0.34	3.33
Japan & General	417.70	444.60	- 2.30	
Korean Securities	69.77	74.62	- 1.06	
Orient Acc	134.20	143.60	- 0.80	0.24
Smlr Cos Dvr Inc	45.44	48.60		4.15
-do- Accum	50.18	53.67		4.15
UK Capital Inc	178.00	190.40	+ 0.20	1.50
-do- Capital Acc	313.80	335.70	+ 0.50	1.50
UK Spec Sits	91.81	97.34†	+ 0.05	1.33
US & General	160.80	170.70	+ 1.80	
Wwide Spec Sits	148.60	156.80	+ 0.28	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	53.60	57.41	+ 0.37	1.85
Cash Trust	140.64	140.64	+ 0.08	6.01
Practical Inv Inc #	115.53	123.56†	+ 0.80	2.77
-do- Accum #	271.12	289.97†	+ 1.90	2.77
UK Index	169.45	181.26†	- 0.81	2.98
UK Smaller Cos	145.83	155.97†	+ 0.88	0.59
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	23.71	24.57†	- 0.02	8.51
High Income	33.62	35.96	+ 0.01	5.26
UK Equity Income	143.95	153.96	- 0.51	2.83
Global Bond	28.78	30.85†	- 0.03	5.12
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	43.09	46.09	+ 0.39	
Global Managed	135.87	144.64†	+ 0.97	1.52
Gold & Intl Res	98.08	104.90	+ 0.53	
Global Utilities	137.67	147.15	+ 0.72	1.48
Overseas Funds				
American	167.64	178.87	+ 1.24	0.89
European	113.71	120.50	+ 1.27	0.98
Euro Sel Opps	170.42	180.73	+ 1.15	
Amer Emerging	132.12	141.30	+ 0.70	
Hong Kong	141.22	151.24	+ 0.06	1.90
Japan	235.58	237.25	+ 1.60	
Pacific Growth	210.20	224.81	- 1.28	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	228.17	228.17†	+ 0.69	2.15
Long Term Bal	249.82	249.82†	+ 0.67	3.14
Med Term Bal	210.13	210.13†	+ 0.62	3.31
UK Equity	262.65	262.65	+ 1.41	2.53
UK Emerging Cos	154.07	154.07	- 0.01	2.04
American	272.90	272.90†	+ 2.64	1.14
Japan	117.32	117.32†	+ 1.00	
European	296.09	298.09†	+ 2.92	0.99
Index Linked Gilt	177.41	177.41	+ 0.42	2.73
Fixed Interest	164.64	164.64	+ 0.83	6.54
Amer Emergs	317.26	317.26†	+ 0.79	
Pacific	234.81	234.81	- 1.04	0.75
Emerging Mkts	119.19	119.19	+ 0.78	0.77
Index Stkp Japan	139.05	139.05	+ 0.93	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	181.37	181.37	- 0.45	1.44
-do- Cont Europe	162.85	162.85	+ 1.48	2.03
Index Strat USA	158.22	158.22	+ 1.31	1.94
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	107.53	114.38	- 0.34	
Med Term Bal	99.93	106.31	- 0.31	
Long Term Bal	112.28	119.44	- 0.32	
UK Equity	121.54	129.30	+ 0.73	
UK Emerging Cos	72.22	76.83	- 0.01	
American	126.36	134.42	+ 1.30	..
Japan	56.20	59.79	+ 0.51	
European	123.08	130.94	+ 1.28	
Fixed Interest	83.69	89.03	+ 0.45	
Index Linked Gilt	78.81	83.84	- 0.20	
Deposit	83.33	88.65	+ 0.03	
Bodies Unit Trusts				
BWH Inv	146.40	154.10†	- 1.23	0.55
Brctif Gth Port Inc	66.26	69.93†	- 0.53	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	58.31	61.54†	- 0.35	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	54.76	57.79	- 0.58	0.10
Stow Utilities	66.14	69.81	+ 0.28	2.58
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	582.68	619.87		2.24
-do- Accum	648.05	689.42		2.24
European Inc	156.62	166.45		1.29
Amstgem Inc	152.06	161.06		
N America Inc	341.04	362.81		0.73
Far East Inc	356.10	378.83		
-do- Accum	368.81	392.35		
UK Dvrld Inc	187.88	199.87		3.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	96.79	103.51†	- 0.44	4.40
UK Small Cos	58.09	62.11†	- 1.71	0.96
British Growth	61.94	66.23	- 0.36	2.59
American Gwth	221.44	236.82	- 2.40	
Japan Gwth	63.79	68.22	- 0.05	
Greater China	178.57	190.97	- 1.29	0.44
Pacific Strategy	147.54	157.79	- 0.99	0.33
European Gwth	92.84	99.07†	+ 0.72	0.73
Intl Growth	154.65	165.39	+ 0.95	
US Index (£)	15.6882	16.5311	+ 0.2991	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	80.54	86.13	+ 1.24	2.33
Monthly Income	40.01	42.71†	+ 0.11	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (£)	12.3408	13.0283	+ 0.1448	4.90
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	95.55	101.65		1.51
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9666				
European	511.60	546.50	+ 2.50	0.50
Gilt & Fixed	127.60	135.30	- 0.60	5.60
Growth Equity	370.10	395.40	- 2.10	1.57
Income Trust	143.10	152.80	- 0.60	3.24
International	189.80	202.70†	- 1.40	0.19
Japan Trust	119.70	127.80	+ 0.70	
Nth American	304.90	325.70†	+ 3.40	
Pacific	536.30	571.90†	+ 1.30	0.13
Guardbull	556.40	593.38	+ 2.78	1.61
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
Intl Bond	105.42	109.44	- 0.14	6.86
Global High Inc	100.68	104.52	- 0.09	6.74
Corporate Bond	102.64	106.53†	- 0.15	6.56
Eqty & Bond Inc	106.90	113.66†	+ 0.28	4.84
European Growth	110.08	117.04	+ 1.76	
Intl PEP Trust	63.32	67.22	+ 0.05	
Equity Inc	129.38	137.56	+ 0.47	3.78
-do- Accum	181.80	193.30	+ 0.65	3.78
Recovery	354.00	376.40†	- 0.30	1.96
-do- Accum	414.50	441.10	- 0.40	1.96
St Vinc High Inc	128.11	136.03	- 0.73	6.67
UK Emerg Cos	261.60	278.20	+ 0.10	2.05
UK Smlr Cos	358.20	364.50	+ 0.20	2.57
Glob Pdv Tst	94.08	100.03†	+ 0.91	1.46
-do- Accum	95.96	102.03	+ 0.92	1.46
Inc Stgy Tst	89.60	95.27	+ 0.55	7.81
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	28.78	30.51	+ 0.12	1.91
Growth Acc	29.14	30.90	+ 0.12	1.91
Income	29.52	30.68†	+ 0.11	3.95
Income Acc	29.63	31.42	+ 0.11	3.95
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Master Ptflio	215.00	225.90	- 1.20	2.54
Smaller Cos	33.26	35.38	- 0.03	1.36
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	329.62	352.69	+ 0.94	1.41
Best of British	66.58	70.77	+ 0.36	2.76
UK Smaller Cos	136.52	146.75	0.06	1.77
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	388.16	395.87	+ 1.23	3.62
-do- Accum #	787.42	838.57	+ 1.37	3.62
High Income	325.14	347.57	- 0.27	4.46
Extra Income #	284.37	302.42†	- 0.68	5.63
Pref & Bond	46.90	48.46†	- 0.07	8.50
International				
International	283.87	301.94†	- 2.34	0.42
Global Bond	54.41	57.76†	+ 0.06	5.39
Ind Pref Tst	87.78	93.87	- 0.73	0.81
Global Tech	229.56	245.43	+ 2.40	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	173.99	186.06	- 0.80	0.74
European	519.98	551.31	+ 6.36	0.73
European Income #	83.42	88.25	+ 0.76	1.96

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	159.67	170.89†	- 0.17	0.82
Eur Sp Sits	78.46	81.62†	+ 0.76	1.10
-do- Accum	81.91	87.43	+ 0.82	1.10
Japan Trust	207.98	221.86	- 1.23	..
Japan Special Sits	206.37	220.18†	- 0.15	
Pacific Smlr Cos	225.34	241.18†	- 0.38	0.04
North American	264.16	280.60	+ 2.90	0.33
American Smaller	131.31	140.36†	+ 0.96	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	107.66	112.73	- 0.44	1.95
Capital	183.37	192.91	+ 0.76	1.42
Dollar	416.19	435.88†	+ 4.23	
Enterprise Gth	360.24	377.22	- 1.63	1.35
European	241.48	252.85	+ 2.94	0.46
Far East	303.70	318.02	- 0.71	
Financial	896.75	939.01†	- 2.98	1.78
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.46	26.50†	- 0.01	8.56
High Yield	106.45	111.47	+ 0.45	3.61
Income & Growth	149.42	156.45†	+ 0.75	3.15
International	267.80	280.42	+ 1.12	
Japanese General	198.00	208.37	+ 0.02	
Japan Tech	88.83	92.92	+ 0.07	
Nat Resources	73.63	77.10†	- 0.41	
Portfolio	76.79	80.41†	+ 0.21	1.32
Smaller Cos	141.19	147.84†	- 0.01	1.23
Special Sits	170.80	178.85	+ 0.86	1.15
UK Emerging Cos	102.73	107.57	- 0.03	0.93
US Smaller Cos	114.26	119.65	+ 1.03	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Investors: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	106.20	113.30†	+ 0.20	5.94
Capital	641.00	684.10†	+ 4.20	2.25
Income #	599.80	640.20	+ 2.90	5.23
Footsie Fund	58.61	58.90	+ 0.28	2.80
Trinto Index	112.80	120.40	+ 0.10	2.08
UK Index	145.70	158.70	+ 0.70	2.91
International Funds				
American Growth	525.40	558.60	+ 5.80	0.38
American Index	237.08	251.80	+ 2.10	1.34
European Growth	119.30	127.30	+ 1.70	0.16
Eurotrack 100	171.70	182.50	+ 2.40	1.86
Global Bond	22.34	23.57	+ 0.01	5.25
Japan Growth	269.90	287.90†	- 2.00	
Japan Index	73.81	78.77	- 0.63	0.21
Japan Smlr Cos	30.17	32.20	- 0.02	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	57.88	61.77	- 0.06	0.20
Hong Kong Gwth	111.86	119.30	+ 0.30	1.33
Spore & Mlysn Gth	73.30	78.12	- 0.62	
Tiger Index	198.50	209.70†	- 0.30	1.08
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	37.64	39.33	+ 0.03	1.06
General Funds				
Managed	77.55	80.61	+ 0.47	1.18
Rupd Chlls Fnd	91.61	95.23	+ 0.53	2.31
UK Growth	64.54	67.09	+ 0.35	2.30
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	82.80	86.07	- 0.25	5.78
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.50	27.34†	+ 0.04	8.34
UK Inc & Gwth	42.58	44.28†	+ 0.27	3.53
UK Income	336.40	349.70†	+ 1.50	5.02
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	54.01	56.02†	+ 0.77	0.38
Amer Smlr Cos	128.50	133.60	+ 1.20	
-do- Accum	129.90	135.00	+ 1.10	
Europe Gth	179.90	186.60	+ 1.80	
-do- Accum	186.90	193.30	+ 1.90	
Euro Smaller Cos	33.52	34.84†	+ 0.37	
French Growth	80.28	83.45	+ 1.86	0.27
-do- Accum	86.12	89.52	+ 1.77	0.27
H Kong & China	82.58	85.84	+ 0.39	1.37
Intl Growth	60.05	62.42†	+ 0.46	0.55
-do- Accum	60.89	63.30†	+ 0.47	0.55
Japan Gth	29.89	31.07	+ 0.19	
-do- Accum	29.89	31.07	+ 0.19	
Japan Smaller Cos	37.22	38.89†	- 0.14	
Glob Emg Mkts	90.59	94.17	- 0.14	
-do- Accum	91.23	94.83	- 0.15	
SE Asia	312.88	325.30	+ 0.60	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	55.08	57.37†	+ 0.11	5.92
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc		100.00		5.00
Sector Value Gwth		100.00		2.00
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	186.30	198.10	+ 3.30	
Income	180.19	191.69	- 0.02	3.18
UK Growth	68.63	73.01	+ 0.13	0.48
International	79.87	84.98	+ 0.01	0.07
Ecology	89.35	95.05†	- 0.24	1.13
European	143.07	152.19	+ 0.58	
Far Eastern	292.10	310.70	+ 0.30	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	97.79	101.10	- 0.20	7.61
Gilt Yield	116.20	122.60†	+ 0.60	6.93

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Global Income	213.60	227.20	+ 1.00	3.81
High Yield	141.30	150.30	+ 0.60	5.95
-do- Accum	445.90	474.40	+ 2.00	5.95
Smlr Cos Div	55.25	58.78	- 0.02	2.87
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	112.20	119.40	+ 0.30	
Asian Growth	310.20	330.00	- 1.00	0.25
-do- Accum	364.50	387.80	- 1.10	0.25
North American	89.25	94.95	+ 0.67	0.25
European Special	117.60	125.10	+ 1.90	0.10
European	158.40	168.50	+ 2.00	0.46
-do- Accum	208.70	222.00	+ 2.60	0.46
Global Eqty Inc	108.50	115.20	+ 0.80	2.24
Japan	393.60	418.70	+ 0.70	
Japanese Special	224.80	239.10	- 0.60	
Smaller Cos	119.30	126.90	- 0.18	1.17
UK Equity Growth	42.48	45.19	- 0.25	1.63
UK Index Inc	301.90	304.90	+ 1.70	3.77
Blackam Tst	98.18	105.70		2.84
-do- Accum	98.18	105.70		2.84
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	269.50	286.70†	+ 1.08	5.36
Inc & Growth Inc	58.24	61.96	+ 0.27	4.41
Smaller Cos	65.31	69.48†	+ 0.02	1.45
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	264.30	281.10	- 0.80	1.91
High Income	110.00	117.00	+ 0.60	4.44
International	98.68	104.90	+ 0.20	0.57
Recovery Trust	70.23	74.73†	+ 0.19	1.49
European Trust	80.03	85.13	+ 1.13	0.80
Japanese Trust	39.27	41.77	+ 0.17	
American Trust	97.33	103.50†	+ 1.20	
Managed	67.60	71.91	- 0.22	0.68
Cash	51.14	51.14	+ 0.02	5.00
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	397.40	421.60		2.43
UK Inc/Gth	426.20	452.30		3.09
UK Income	299.50	317.80		3.78
UK Smr Cos	261.10	279.30		1.77
Euro Gwth	137.00	145.10		
N Amer Gwth	101.80	108.00		0.22
Japan Growth	60.20	63.87		...
Money Mkt	127.355	127.355		0.000
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	511.90	544.60		2.67
-do- Accum	£10.23	£10.99		2.67
Equity Income #	100.90	107.30		4.42
UK Tactical Allocn	60.17	63.80†		4.40
European	123.50	131.40		1.67
Far Eastern	211.10	224.60†		
Fixed Interest	52.11	55.42†		7.42
Gilt	88.16	93.49†		6.54
Global Growth	74.42	79.17		0.36
Intl Bond	54.12	57.48		4.69
Japanese	70.92	75.45		
North American	168.30	179.00		0.43
Pacific Growth	105.80	112.50†		0.21
UK Index	67.19	70.82†		3.15
UK Recovery	100.56	106.90†		1.97
UK Smaller Cos	137.10	145.90		1.47
US Index	70.24	74.13	..	1.48
European Index	79.14	84.44		2.18
Japan Index	37.75	39.84		
Worldwide	87.87	93.48		1.58
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	52.20	55.83		2.10
Income	60.95	65.19		3.09
Far East	50.88	54.42		0
North American	121.47	129.80		0
Global	100.93	107.90		0.20
European	89.95	95.13		0.68
Japan	97.79	104.60†		
Intl Currency Bd	60.86	64.55†		4.33
SE Asia	98.59	105.40		0
UK Cap Growth	94.49	101.10†		1.21
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	367.40	390.00	+ 1.90	2.73
-do- Accum	846.30	900.40	+ 4.30	2.73
Conti Euro Gth	67.56	71.12	+ 0.54	1.47
-do- Accum	72.20	76.00	+ 0.58	1.47
Extra Inc	271.70	289.10	+ 1.40	4.12
-do- Accum	718.80	764.70	+ 3.90	4.12
FTSE 100 Inc	107.90	114.80	+ 0.60	2.57
FTSE 100 Acc	109.80	116.90	+ 0.60	2.57
General Gth	130.90	137.80	+ 0.10	
-do- Accum	137.20	144.50		
Growth Port	579.30	616.30†	+ 1.60	0.10
-do- Accum	596.40	634.50	+ 1.70	0.10
High Interest Inc	95.15	98.61	- 0.22	8.06
High Interest Acc	95.15	98.61	- 0.22	8.06
Hi Reserve Inc #	104.20	110.90	+ 0.40	6.54
Hi Reserve Acc #	106.80	113.70	- 0.40	6.54
Income	509.10	541.60†	+ 8.80	3.62
-do- Accum	£14.13	£15.04	+ 23.00	3.62
Income Port	527.70	561.40†	+ 1.50	4.80

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	575.10	611.90	+ 1.70	4.80
Japan Growth	103.70	110.40	+ 0.10	
-do- Accum	104.10	110.80	+ 0.10	
Master Trust	60.59	64.48	+ 0.19	1.29
-do- Accum	68.84	73.24	+ 0.22	1.29
N American Gen	208.70	219.80	+ 1.80	0.73
-do- Accum	238.90	254.20	+ 2.00	0.73
Nthn Sm Co Rec	160.20	170.50	+ 1.20	
-do- Accum	163.50	174.00	+ 1.30	...
Pacific Basin	251.10	267.20		0.52
-do- Accum	266.80	283.90		0.52
Smaller Cos Rec	415.60	437.70†	- 12.50	1.95
-do- Accum	566.20	596.80	- 18.60	1.95
UK Growth	91.58	97.43	+ 0.22	2.25
-do- Accum	112.80	120.00	+ 0.40	2.25
Worldwide Gth	323.90	344.60	+ 1.50	
-do- Accum	477.80	508.30	+ 2.20	
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 873				
American	75.18	80.59	+ 0.65	0.40
General	96.01	103.01	+ 0.54	2.40
Income	67.65	72.58†	+ 0.22	5.38
International	66.75	71.62	+ 0.37	0.50
Japan	54.41	58.38	+ 0.21	
Tst of Inv Trusts	69.49	74.58†	+ 0.36	1.30
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	440.40	465.70	+ 3.40	0.45
-do- Accum	549.80	581.30	+ 4.20	0.45
Amer Recovery	489.70	517.90†	+ 4.10	0.47
-do- Accum	564.30	596.70†	+ 4.70	0.47
Amer Smlr Cos	138.30	146.30	+ 1.00	
-do- Accum	141.30	149.50	+ 1.10	..
Australasian	158.60	165.80	+ 2.80	2.54
-do- Accum	193.30	204.30	+ 2.40	2.54
Capital	886.00	936.90	+ 2.80	2.84
-do- Accum	1027.60	1086.60	+ 3.20	2.84
Charifund	732.00	739.40	+ 4.40	5.61
-do- Accum	3527.80	3563.10	+ 21.60	5.61
Commodity	389.90	412.30	+ 1.70	0.56
-do- Accum	574.20	607.20	+ 2.50	0.56
Compound Gth	1016.30	1074.70†	+ 4.70	2.80
-do- Accum	1093.40	1156.30†	+ 5.10	2.80
Dividend	43.20	45.70	+ 0.10	4.29
-do- Accum	184.20	195.20	+ 0.70	4.29
Equity Income	345.90	365.80	+ 1.10	4.86
-do- Accum	459.00	485.50	+ 1.50	4.86
Euro & General	538.20	558.60	- 3.70	1.25
-do- Accum	673.20	711.90	- 4.80	1.25
Euro Dividend	73.20	77.40	- 0.30	3.96
-do- Accum	90.30	95.50	- 0.30	3.96
Extra Yield	432.50	458.40†	+ 1.90	4.91
-do- Accum	1403.90	1484.80†	+ 6.20	4.91
Far Eastern	338.60	358.40	- 1.20	0.61
-do- Accum	452.00	478.00	- 1.60	0.61
Fund of Inv Tsts	638.50	675.20	+ 2.20	1.90
-do- Accum	1204.60	1273.90	+ 4.00	1.90
General	64.40	68.10	+ 0.30	3.86
-do- Accum	183.70	194.20	- 0.80	3.86
Gilt Income	60.08	60.16	- 0.25	7.30
-do- Accum	171.90	172.14	- 0.72	7.30
Gold	62.00	65.60	- 0.50	1.03
-do- Accum	73.50	77.80	- 0.50	1.03
High Income	30.80	32.60	+ 0.10	4.80
-do- Accum	126.40	133.70	+ 0.46	4.80
Intl Growth	79.80	84.40		0.93
-do- Accum	140.30	148.40		0.93
International Inc	100.80	106.60†	+ 0.10	4.20
-do- Accum	155.80	164.70†		4.20
Japan & Gen	39.20	41.50	+ 0.10	
-do- Accum	42.10	44.50	+ 0.10	..
Japan Smlr Cos	138.90	146.80†	- 1.00	
-do- Accum	139.60	148.00†	- 0.90	
Managed Gwth	24.70	26.10		1.89
Managed Income	28.48	29.80†		4.16
Midland	80.30	83.80†	- 0.40	3.37
-do- Accum	207.00	219.00†	- 1.40	3.37
Pension Ex	1000.40	1025.50	+ 3.90	4.27
Recovery	44.40	47.00	+ 0.20	2.63
-do- Accum	74.00	78.30	+ 0.48	2.63
Second General	72.00	76.10	+ 0.10	3.74
-do- Accum	189.30	200.10	+ 0.30	3.74
Smaller Cos	71.20	75.30	- 0.20	3.17
-do- Accum	143.50	151.80	- 0.50	3.17
Sterling Hi Inv	24.87	24.76†	+ 0.04	8.10
Treasury	25.09	25.12†	+ 0.01	6.36
Trustee	42.09	44.40†	+ 0.10	4.51
-do- Accum	175.90	185.90†	+ 0.40	4.51
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq 01903 204 631				
European Growth	85.25	90.73†	+ 0.85	1.41
Intl Bond	86.56	89.94	+ 0.15	5.57
Intl Equity Growth	76.39	81.14	+ 0.63	0.67
N Amer Growth	113.05	120.83†	+ 1.57	0.90
Special Sits Growth	23.25	24.73†	+ 0.09	2.33
UK Growth	401.38	426.99†	+ 1.93	2.77
-do- Accum	537.54	571.85	+ 2.58	2.77
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01629 825857				
Balanced Fd #	1395.40	1420.70		3.08
Income #	1096.00	1019.70		4.20
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	155.80	159.60		3.79

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflio	162.30	170.90	+ 0.53	2.14
-do- Accum	188.90	198.80	+ 0.53	2.14
UK Sel Ptflio	142.20	149.60	+ 0.54	2.48
-do- Accum	167.30	176.10	+ 0.54	2.48
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	70.44	74.94†		3.85
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	75.52	80.17†	+ 0.17	4.17
European	88.10	93.52	- 0.60	1.22
Income #	77.78	82.57	+ 0.41	4.91
Nth American	74.54	79.13	+ 0.35	0.59
Far East	163.50	173.60		0.10
Japan	56.26	59.72	- 0.11	
Emging Mkts	83.14	88.52	- 0.31	0.02
Intl Growth	114.00	121.00†	+ 0.30	0.93
UK Growth	106.80	113.40	+ 0.50	1.62
UK Smlr Co	51.22	54.37	+ 0.04	1.35
Asian Opps Fd	36.23	38.75	- 0.11	0.08
Glob Gwth PEP	53.46	56.75†	- 0.05	0.49
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	436.69	464.56†	+ 2.85	3.82
Global Inc	71.82	76.40†	+ 0.26	3.68
Brit Leaders	374.52	398.43†	+ 2.47	1.76
Intl Leaders	207.25	220.59†	+ 1.00	1.41
PAM Mg Bal Grth	65.53	68.08†	- 0.55	0.78
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2060				
American	221.20	234.30	+ 1.900	
-do- Accum	236.40	250.50	+ 2.100	
American Opps	105.90	112.10†		
-do- Accum	106.40	113.50†		
British Blue Chip	84.44	89.74†	+ 0.420	2.68
-do- Accum	108.86	113.50†	+ 0.600	2.68
Cash	100.20	100.20†		8.34
-do- Accum	142.30	142.30†	+ 0.100	8.34
Emerging Mkts	103.30	111.10	+ 0.600	0.13
-do- Accum	103.90	111.70	+ 0.500	0.13
European Growth	264.20	280.60	+ 1.700	0.16
-do- Accum	286.70	304.50	+ 1.900	0.16
European Income	86.56	91.72	+ 0.400	3.13
-do- Accum	120.20	127.30	+ 0.400	3.13
General	537.60	572.20†	+ 2.800	2.17
-do- Accum	1073.00	1141.00†	+ 3.000	2.17
Global Bond	129.50	138.00†		5.42
-do- Accum	163.20	171.40†		5.42
Gold & General	185.60	210.50	- 0.10	0.43
-do- Accum	202.10	217.30	- 0.28	0.43
Govt Securities	92.95	95.60	+ 0.240	6.12
-do- Accum	185.40	191.00	+ 0.400	6.12
High Yield Bd	99.37	102.60	- 0.30	7.15
-do- Accum	99.37	102.60	- 0.30	7.15
Income	164.10	174.40	+ 1.000	4.07
-do- Accum	262.50	278.90	+ 1.400	4.07
Inc Portfolio #	102.30	108.50	+ 0.400	4.84
-do- Accum #	106.80	113.40†	+ 0.600	4.84
Intl Opps	475.10	506.80	- 0.10	0.17
-do- Accum	638.60	679.00	- 0.10	0.17
Japan	160.80	170.60	+ 0.500	
-do- Accum	165.00	175.10	+ 0.500	
New Europe	192.40	205.20	+ 1.000	0.98
-do- Accum	198.40	211.60	+ 1.100	0.98
Pacific	110.00	118.00	- 0.10	0.86
-do- Accum	118.80	126.70		0.86
Recovery	325.30	347.00†	+ 0.800	0.75
-do- Accum	421.70	449.80†	+ 1.100	0.75
UK Smaller Cos	57.39	61.22	+ 0.050	0.84
-do- Accum	63.51	68.88	+ 0.050	0.84
Portfolio	84.84	90.09†	+ 0.340	2.56
-do- Accum	102.30	108.40†	+ 0.340	2.56
Managed Gth	104.40	109.20	+ 0.398	1.74
Managed Inc	109.80	114.00	- 0.400	3.95
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	124.38	132.32	+ 0.63	0.18
Portfolio	70.56	75.09	+ 0.38	1.69
UK Income Inc	80.99	86.16	+ 0.50	5.05
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq 0345 456 123 Dlg 0345 456 126				
Balanced	82.58	85.53†	+ 0.28	2.94
-do- Accum	67.83	71.02†	+ 0.31	2.94
British Tst	93.40	97.80	+ 0.56	1.94
-do- Accum	109.80	114.79	- 0.70	1.94
Extra High Inc	68.09	72.30†	+ 0.01	6.60
-do- Accum	137.50	143.90†		
FT-SE 100 Acc	60.35	63.19	+ 0.30	2.82
FT-SE 100 Dist	58.53	61.29	+ 0.29	2.82
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.18	57.42	+ 0.22	6.93
-do- Accum	166.20	173.00	- 0.70	6.93
High Yield	226.50	239.30	+ 0.20	6.04
-do- Accum	587.50	615.10	+ 0.50	6.04
Income	296.70	310.70	+ 1.50	3.96
-do- Accum	667.30	698.70	+ 3.40	3.96
Money Market UT	49.72	49.72	+ 0.01	5.52
-do- Accum	79.79	79.79	+ 0.02	5.52
Monthly Income	87.42	91.54†	+ 0.30	4.97
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	114.50	121.80	- 0.70	1.81
European Growth	109.10	115.68	- 0.70	0.82
Gilt & Fixed	91.45	97.04	+ 0.39	5.72
Income	90.50	96.70	+ 0.50	2.84

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	49.04	51.58	- 0.68	
Managed	74.18	78.91	+ 1.07	2.23
Money Market	90.13	95.54	+ 0.03	4.21
North American	96.56	102.40	- 0.68	0.44
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	103.90	110.50	+ 0.60	1.69
European Growth	102.50	108.70	- 0.60	0.81
Gilt & Fixed Int	88.78	92.08	+ 0.36	5.71
Income	89.16	94.85	+ 0.49	2.71
Japan Growth	48.83	51.76	- 0.65	
Managed	70.90	75.43	+ 1.03	2.39
Money Market	83.17	88.18	+ 0.03	4.17
North American	87.43	92.67	- 0.59	0.53
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	103.60	110.20	+ 0.60	1.59
European Growth	100.10	106.10	- 0.60	
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.96	84.87	+ 0.33	5.82
Income	87.66	93.28	+ 0.48	2.74
Japan Growth	49.82	52.82	- 0.68	
Managed	73.66	78.36	+ 0.82	2.21
Money Market	77.51	82.16	+ 0.02	4.24
North American	97.84	103.50	- 0.70	0.40
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	14.53	15.46		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	412.50	438.10	+ 5.40	...
European Gth Inc	568.10	610.28	+ 7.20	
-do- Accum	574.38	619.80	+ 7.30	
Intl Gwth	203.40	216.30	+ 1.40	
UK Equity Inc	200.80	213.80†	+ 0.60	3.60
UK Ind Trckr Inc	172.60	184.60	+ 0.38	2.72
-do- Accum	207.70	222.10	+ 0.46	2.72
US Eq Ind Tdt Inc	234.20	248.80†	+ 2.50	1.11
Japan Tracker	69.01	73.71	+ 0.54	..
Asian Trader	208.10	223.10†	+ 0.50	0.29
Managed Inc	167.58	179.00	+ 0.30	2.17
Deposit Inc	99.98	99.98†	+ 0.03	5.69
Europa	241.10	261.30	+ 2.10	..
Strategic	177.30	182.40		1.67
High Income	21.20	22.48†	- 0.03	10.80
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 833				
Acumen	99.43	101.70†	+ 0.30	2.59
Acumen Inc	92.61	94.08†	+ 0.29	2.53
Acumen Reserve	86.24	89.12†	- 0.27	8.35
-do- Inc	72.32	73.84†	- 0.22	8.35
American Growth	57.58	59.64	+ 0.65	
Cash Income	50.04	50.04	+ 0.02	5.96
Equity Income #	98.61	100.80†	+ 0.40	4.85
European	74.81	75.61†	+ 0.38	0.43
Smaller Cos	85.31	88.43	+ 0.16	1.31
Wwide Eqty	66.86	68.45	+ 0.26	0.39
Global Bond	45.59	48.11	+ 0.04	6.49
UK Growth	100.78	109.30	+ 0.30	2.16
Pacific Growth	105.90	109.90	- 0.30	0.70
Japan Growth	95.92	98.53	+ 0.38	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 610				
Avon Equity	131.26	139.64	+ 0.64	2.58
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	78.65	83.67	+ 0.36	2.17
UK Income	115.23	122.59	+ 0.60	3.92
Higher Income	218.52	232.47	+ 1.03	5.28
Smaller Cos	87.44	93.02†	- 0.13	1.86
International	100.65	107.07†	+ 0.62	1.83
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	114.10	121.40	+ 1.00	0.30
European Dist	125.80	133.80	+ 1.30	0.29
Far East Dist	178.70	190.10		
Global Care Dist	78.24	83.23	+ 0.06	0.67
Ocean Dist	1055.70	1123.10†	+ 4.20	0.01
-do- Accum	1374.00	1461.70	+ 5.50	0.01
UK Dist	377.20	401.30	+ 1.90	2.45
-do- Accum	748.80	796.60	+ 3.90	2.45
UK Extra Inc Dist	84.40	89.79	+ 0.35	3.54
Wwide Dist	109.00	116.00†	+ 0.70	0.30
Wwde Inc Dist	75.41	80.22†	+ 0.60	2.29
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europa Inc	67.52	71.26	+ 0.54	1.12
Fund of Funds Inc	61.93	65.38	+ 0.22	2.29
North America Inc	57.63	60.82	+ 0.94	
UK Equity Gth Inc	62.71	66.16	+ 0.32	2.60
-do- Accum	65.87	69.52	+ 0.33	2.60
UK General Inc	61.27	64.68†	+ 0.32	3.65
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	47.05	49.55†	+ 0.10	7.31
UK Income Inc	60.66	64.04	+ 0.30	3.51
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American Tst	40.73	43.33†	+ 0.32	2.94
-do- Accum	41.05	43.67†	+ 0.32	2.91
Bond	121.69	129.18†	+ 0.53	5.84
Bridge Fund	91.18	97.000		2.20
Cash Income	51.02	51.02		5.87
-do- Accum	66.27	66.27		5.87
Distributor	97.10	103.30†	- 0.64	3.38
European	46.26	48.34	+ 0.36	
Foundation	100.28	106.66†	+ 0.53	2.37
General	200.53	213.33	+ 0.97	1.64
Global	333.31	354.58†	+ 2.28	0.19
Growth	131.59	139.99†	+ 0.73	2.60
Higher Income Inc	29.71	31.61†	- 0.17	..
-do- Accum	34.73	36.95†	+ 0.20	
Income	249.38	264.23†	+ 1.21	3.19
Intrepid	126.89	132.18†		2.05
Japan	24.31	25.86	- 0.01	
Managed Tst Inc	50.66	54.18	+ 0.25	2.14
-do- Accum	54.00	57.75	+ 0.27	2.14
Oriental Inc	147.93	157.37	+ 0.24	0.23
-do- Accum	143.36	152.51	+ 0.23	0.23
Pens Intl Gwth	31.47	33.47†	- 0.08	0.43
Formerly Capital House				
Property Shares	33.71	36.05		0.84
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	78.84	84.32	+ 0.18	1.63
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
Managed	104.50	110.80		2.31
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	128.64	135.41†	+ 0.37	1.49
UK Equity	148.89	156.73	+ 0.57	3.08
UK Equity Income	140.21	147.59	+ 0.48	3.38
UK Smaller Cos	125.80	132.42	+ 0.26	1.70
UK Equity Growth	140.27	147.65†	+ 0.55	2.18
UK Index Trckg	151.27	159.23	+ 0.54	3.51
Intl Index Trckg	152.22	160.23†	+ 1.32	1.15
International	247.62	260.65†	+ 1.78	0.54
European	218.78	229.19	+ 2.37	0.28
Pan European	146.05	153.74	+ 1.24	1.31
Nth American	199.03	209.50	+ 2.21	0.21
N Amer Smlr Cos	213.46	224.69	+ 1.03	...
Japanese	86.85	91.42	+ 0.84	..
Pacific	226.79	238.73	- 0.19	0.58
South East Asian	366.21	389.69†	- 0.91	0.73
Intl Bond	140.05	147.42	- 0.05	4.60
Gilt & Convertible	106.09	111.67	+ 0.45	6.25
Property	78.50	82.63	- 0.32	6.82
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	255.80	274.90	+ 2.40	0.42
-do- Accum	270.80	290.80	+ 2.50	0.42
Japan Inc	98.85	105.30†		
Nth American Inc	113.50	121.50	+ 1.00	0.32
Worldwide Inc	161.80	173.60†	+ 0.50	0.39
Hong Kong Inc	145.70	155.90	+ 0.39	1.64
Swiss Equities Inc	81.90	87.42	- 0.36	0.11
Wwide Bond Inc	64.39	68.10†	+ 0.67	5.20
Emging Asia Inc	205.80	224.10	- 1.10	0.14
-do- Accum	209.80	225.00	- 1.00	0.14
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.58	50.58	+ 0.02	6.34
Thailand Inc	162.80	177.30	+ 1.30	1.29
Gold Trust Inc	70.42	77.01	- 0.70	0.19
New Zealand Inc	98.15	103.10†	+ 0.30	1.63
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	64.11	68.93	+ 0.35	1.48
Latin Am Cmp Inc	54.09	58.74	+ 0.74	0.33
UK All Sh Idx Inc	63.51	68.14	- 0.30	2.53
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trusses	80.49	86.09	- 0.79	..
Global Portfolio	72.42	77.45	- 0.77	..
Global Opps	65.92	70.50	- 0.48	..
Marsh Global Grth	62.84	66.52	- 1.03	..
AAM Global Equity	55.24	58.55		2.13
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	99.81	106.70	+ 0.30	...
Temple Equity Inc	44.74	48.61	+ 0.19	2.32
Hartley Growth	90.24	96.00	- 0.21	..
Intl Growth Inc	88.83	95.00†	- 0.33	1.07
IPS Portfolio Inc	88.38	92.36	- 0.65	
St Jmo Mn Inc	47.30	49.23		
Premier Portfos Inc	67.80	72.51	- 0.17	1.80
Roxburgh Sbas Gth	73.82	78.74	- 0.37	0.47
Stater Gwth	110.60	117.50†	+ 0.60	
Rosebery Growth	50.53	54.39	- 0.24	0.58
International Sicc	78.12	83.55	- 0.97	
UFC Ind-Act Grth	56.80	61.36	- 0.57	
Coverdale Topcst	50.59	54.82	- 0.53	
Brens Equity Inc	110.40	120.48	+ 0.50	
Lowes Intl Growth	48.55	51.10	- 0.08	...
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 828 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	255.00	271.20	+ 1.40	2.66
-do- Accum	545.10	579.90	+ 3.00	2.66
Growth	165.20	173.90	+ 0.60	2.84
Income	247.60	263.40†	+ 1.40	3.73
Intl Equity	259.50	276.09†	+ 1.50	0.78
-do- Accum	289.00	307.40	+ 1.80	0.78
UK Income	68.98	73.38	+ 0.33	3.21
UK Intl 25	84.44	89.83	+ 0.47	2.13
New Europe	86.12	91.61	+ 0.25	0.30
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	624.58	668.00†	+ 6.26	0.55
-do- Accum	626.23	669.77	+ 6.29	0.55
Income	398.10	425.78†	+ 3.20	3.10
Wwide Recovery	407.38	435.88	+ 3.79	0.46
Amer Growth Inc	249.20	266.53	+ 4.13	0.01
-do- Accum	249.20	266.53	+ 4.13	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	250.37	267.78	+ 2.75	0.13
Far Estn Grth Inc	279.91	299.37	+ 1.73	0.39
-do- Accum	279.91	299.37	+ 1.73	0.39
Euro Gwth Inc	160.45	171.61	+ 1.72	0.15
-do- Accum	160.86	172.05	+ 1.73	0.15
UK Growth Inc	102.17	109.28	- 0.80	2.67
-do- Accum	107.49	114.97	- 0.85	2.67
High Income	106.07	113.45	+ 0.84	3.85
Jap Gwth Inc	198.84	212.90	+ 1.67	0.01
-do- Accum	199.84	212.90	+ 1.67	0.01
PEP Growth	127.80	136.69	+ 0.97	0.88
Asian Sit Mkts Inc	125.86	134.61	- 0.02	0.33
-do- Accum	125.86	134.61	- 0.02	0.33
Amer Smlr Co Inc	160.51	171.67	+ 2.35	0.01
-do- Accum	160.51	171.67	+ 2.35	0.01
Global Bond	56.14	58.12†	+ 0.12	5.84
UK Smaller Cos Inc	91.23	97.58	+ 0.11	1.68
-do- Accum	95.00	102.66	+ 0.13	1.68
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	112.79	119.98	- 2.02	
European	78.87	83.91	- 0.76	
Global	63.67	67.73	- 0.90	
Pacific	57.29	60.95†	- 0.84	
UK Inc & Gth	69.50	73.94†	- 0.34	2.25
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	173.56	183.79	- 1.33	0.65
Emerg Mkts	45.45	48.10	+ 1.59	1.08
High Income #	52.48	55.53†	- 0.20	5.05
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	68.32	72.41	+ 0.28	2.80
Growth Income	71.54	75.83	- 0.01	2.32
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	153.43	163.73	+ 0.74	1.86
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	102.10	108.60	- 0.40	3.52
Conv & Gilt	111.30	118.48	- 2.30	6.07
European Income	75.42	80.24†	+ 0.27	3.23
Extra Income	163.60	174.00†	+ 0.60	4.94
-do- Accum	205.90	219.00	+ 0.76	4.94
Far East	378.90	404.20†	+ 0.20	0.29
-do- Accum	388.50	413.30	+ 0.20	0.29
Global Income	26.78	28.49	- 0.07	4.39
High Income	123.60	131.50†	+ 0.60	4.11
-do- Accum	152.70	162.50	+ 0.70	4.11
International	194.02	206.30†	+ 0.52	0.76
-do- Accum	200.70	213.50	+ 0.60	0.76
Pref & Fxd Int	42.70	45.49†	- 0.02	7.41
Recovery	75.45	80.26	+ 0.22	2.83

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	119.70	127.30	- 0.10	1.62
-do- Accum	139.30	148.70	- 0.10	1.62
Technology	594.90	632.90	+ 5.80	
UK Blue Chip	75.72	80.56	+ 0.32	3.20
-do- Accum	85.41	91.93	+ 0.37	3.20
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3062				
Equity Gth	212.80	226.40	+ 0.48	1.36
European Gth	109.50	116.10	- 0.60	0.98
Income & Gth #	145.70	155.00	+ 0.60	3.20
Japan Gth	110.40	117.40	- 0.50	
Nth Amer Gth	173.00	184.60	+ 1.50	0.00
Overseas Gth	104.70	111.40	+ 0.10	0.29
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	39.14	41.58	+ 0.21	1.80
Cash Hmre Inc	101.77	102.27	+ 0.03	5.63
Cash Hmre Acc	114.58	115.14	+ 0.04	5.63
Dist Trust Inc	100.66	103.70†	+ 0.26	6.45
Dist Trust Acc	107.65	111.55†	+ 0.26	6.45
Global Growth	94.46	100.57	- 0.60	1.49
Equity Inc	88.40	90.85	+ 0.34	3.23
Equity	787.22	837.45†	+ 3.63	2.28
European	228.66	237.26	+ 2.68	0.77
High Income	89.79	95.51†	- 0.16	5.07
Intl Gth	197.02	209.50	+ 1.69	0.91
Intl Sm Co	86.19	90.53†	+ 1.15	0.48
Japanese	200.56	207.63†	+ 0.90	...
Nth Amer	200.85	207.82	+ 2.37	1.19
Pacific Mkts	108.72	112.86	+ 0.80	0.29
Premier Inc	47.86	49.63†	+ 0.11	6.84
Sm Cos	99.44	105.78	- 0.03	1.44
Spec Sits	118.68	124.13	+ 0.44	2.61
UK Growth	132.77	141.24	+ 0.81	2.19
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	315.80	334.80†	+ 2.10	3.14
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1600				
FA America (Inc)	590.82	627.98	+ 4.80	0.49
FA America (Acc)	690.95	734.35	+ 5.37	0.49
FA UK Equity Inc	167.67	179.16	+ 0.87	3.47
FA Japan	232.80	247.75	+ 0.80	
FA Major UK Cos	103.25	110.12	+ 0.59	2.52
FA Smlr UK Cos	325.17	354.59†	+ 9.14	1.28
FA European	349.65	371.86	+ 0.88	0.46
FA Amer Smlr Cos	52.90	56.64	- 0.06	
FA Asia	49.45	53.29	+ 0.25	
FA Jap Smlr Cos	40.72	43.54	- 0.17	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	107.00	112.82	+ 0.81	
UK Smlr Cos	95.15	100.15	- 0.03	
UK Income	104.41	109.90	+ 0.54	
America	118.91	125.16	+ 0.92	
Japanese	51.39	54.09	+ 0.18	
European	112.67	118.59	+ 0.28	
Gilt	93.01	97.90	+ 0.19	
Deposit	86.64	91.20	+ 0.04	
Managed	105.43	110.97	+ 0.54	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	104.08	109.55	+ 0.60	
UK Smaller Cos	92.82	97.70	- 0.04	
UK Income	101.75	107.10	+ 0.53	
America	115.60	121.68	+ 0.89	
Japanese	49.98	52.58	+ 0.18	
European	109.65	115.41	+ 0.28	
Gilt	91.59	96.40	+ 0.14	
Deposit	82.72	87.07	+ 0.04	
Managed	98.60	103.79	+ 0.54	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	96.45	102.90	+ 1.20	...
Pacific Basin	73.74	79.35†	+ 0.15	
High Inc Dist	142.20	152.20	+ 0.50	4.29
Ryl Life Intl Cnsv	59.50	63.12	+ 0.04	2.05
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	69.95	74.78	+ 0.41	..
Ryl Life Intl Spec	66.26	69.42	+ 0.47	..
UK Emerging Cos	137.40	146.50	+ 0.70	1.04
UK Index Trckg	180.30	192.00		3.17
European	143.60	154.40†	+ 0.60	
Managed	160.00	172.66	+ 0.50	0.69
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 784 400				
American Growth	160.10	170.30	- 1.00	1.82
European Growth	116.90	124.20	- 2.10	2.52
Far East Growth	134.70	143.30	- 1.40	2.05
Japan Growth	121.60	129.30†	- 2.60	...
Special Sits	221.90	236.00†	+ 1.20	1.15
UK Growth	85.22	92.65	+ 0.63	2.21
Triton General	248.40	264.30†	- 2.70	1.27
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	157.40	166.60	- 0.10	0.13
Gt Euro Prog Inc	347.40	367.60	+ 1.40	0.13
-do- Accum	540.10	571.50	+ 2.20	0.13
Growth Inc	140.80	149.00	+ 0.70	0.21
-do- Accum	144.30	152.70	+ 0.70	0.21
International Inc	359.70	380.60	+ 1.60	0.33
-do- Accum	495.80	524.70	+ 2.20	0.33
Nth Am & Intl Inc	355.40	376.10	+ 3.10	0.48
UK Gen Prog Inc	234.90	248.60	+ 1.30	1.24
-do- Accum	264.30	279.70	+ 1.40	1.24
UK High Inc Inc	138.40	146.50	+ 0.60	3.78
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	72.92	77.57	+ 0.50	..
Asian Gwth	110.91	117.99	+ 0.31	0.75
European Gwth	75.41	80.22	+ 0.23	1.00
Global Bd	59.68	63.34†	+ 0.11	5.00
Global Eq	60.98	64.86	+ 0.49	0.50
Japan Sml Cos	55.19	58.70	+ 0.26	..
UK Gwth	72.34	76.96	+ 0.31	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	78.80	83.83†	+ 0.46	3.54
Amer Smlr Cos	130.58	138.80	+ 0.50	
Asian Smaller Cos	41.65	44.31	- 0.13	
Capital Portfolio	134.20	142.80	+ 0.58	1.61
Cash	130.00	130.00†	+ 0.10	6.05
China Dragon	58.52	62.26	+ 0.04	1.50
Commodity	119.40	127.00	+ 0.60	
Eastern Discovery	97.95	104.20	- 0.40	
Emerging Mkts	36.94	39.30	- 0.13	
Energy Inds	125.60	133.60	+ 0.10	0.16
European Gwth	196.20	208.70	- 1.40	0.12
Euro Inc & Gwth #	80.95	86.12	- 0.64	1.95
Euro Smlr Cos	59.11	62.88	- 0.50	0.06
Extra Income #	53.79	56.62	+ 0.13	5.62
Financial Secs	239.30	254.80	+ 1.10	1.31
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.98	50.65†	- 0.13	8.86
Gold & Exploration	76.72	81.62	- 0.15	
High Return #	239.30	254.60	+ 1.10	3.81
High Yield #	239.00	254.30†	+ 1.00	3.82
Income #	123.60	131.70	+ 0.40	4.27
Intl Bond	168.50	178.00†	+ 0.20	5.55
ITU	215.00	228.70†	+ 1.30	1.98
Japan Growth	160.40	170.60†	- 0.20	..
Japan Smaller	166.48	177.00	- 0.80	..
Korea	66.98	71.20†	- 1.14	
Masterland	57.35	61.01	- 0.05	0.61
Scotbits	358.80	381.70	+ 1.40	1.07
Scotshares #	319.30	339.70	+ 1.50	2.20
Scotyields #	254.00	270.20	+ 1.20	3.27
Select Intl	141.30	150.30†	+ 0.50	0.18
Smaller Cos Inc #	259.90	270.10†	- 0.40	3.46
SE Asia	50.09	53.28	- 0.25	0.23
Special Situation	139.90	148.80	+ 0.40	1.34
UK Equity #	266.80	283.80	+ 1.60	2.46
UK Growth	71.57	76.14	+ 0.28	1.84
UK & O'seas	178.80	190.10	+ 0.40	1.14
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	52.94	56.32	- 0.11	1.48
US Growth	172.40	183.40	+ 0.70	0.14
Univ Growth	141.40	150.40	+ 0.30	0.42
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cust: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	287.50	305.23	+ 3.63	0.86
-do- Accum	314.62	334.23	+ 4.20	0.86
European Gwth	80.44	85.40	+ 0.85	0.67
Euro Smlr Cos	88.31	94.18	+ 0.33	0.49
Far Eastern Gth	98.64	105.21	+ 0.05	
-do- Accum	100.42	107.11	+ 0.05	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	50.99	53.68†	+ 0.32	7.88
Global Bond #	82.26	84.00	- 0.05	6.95
-do- Accum #	58.78	60.74	+ 0.86	6.95
Global Emer Mkts	50.76	54.14†	+ 0.22	...
-do- Accum	50.81	54.19†	+ 0.22	
Income #	368.72	394.36	+ 2.34	5.06
-do- Accum #	[illegible]	812.82	+ 7.82	5.06
Japan Smlr Cos	422.83	451.01	- 2.40	...
-do- Accum	423.67	451.92	- 2.40	...
Japan Enterprise	66.14	70.54†	- 0.08	...
Pacific Gwth	135.08	144.08	- 0.23	0.37
-do- Accum	139.44	148.73	- 0.24	0.37
Portfolio	85.81	91.53	+ 0.32	1.96
-do- Accum	93.82	100.08	+ 0.35	1.96
Scout	51.33	54.75	- 0.91	..
-do- Accum	51.33	54.78	- 0.91	..
Smaller Cos	248.04	262.44	+ 0.11	1.25
Tokyo	116.59	124.36†	+ 0.73	
-do- Accum	117.77	125.62†	+ 0.75	
UK Enterprise	294.97	314.63	+ 2.31	2.61
-do- Accum	356.46	380.22	+ 2.80	2.01
UK Equity	263.88	281.23	+ 1.59	2.79
-do- Accum	519.26	553.86	+ 3.33	2.79
US Smlr Cos	192.94	205.80	+ 2.45	
-do- Accum	192.94	205.80	+ 2.45	
Institutional Funds				
European	254.77	264.66	+ 1.81	1.39
-do- Accum	285.02	296.11	+ 2.03	1.39
Euro Smlr Cos	30.84	32.12	- 0.08	1.46
-do- Accum	32.77	34.13	- 0.08	1.46
Global Equity Inc	80.95	84.32†	+ 0.32	1.05
Japan Smlr Cos	34.89	36.34	- 0.12	0.19
-do- Accum	35.19	36.65	- 0.12	0.19
Mngd Balanced	204.24	212.74	+ 1.03	2.93
-do- Accum	233.18	242.89	+ 1.18	2.93
Overseas Equity	198.82	207.10	+ 0.93	1.08
-do- Accum	206.55	215.15	+ 0.96	1.08
Overs Smlr Cos	127.01	132.02	- 0.11	0.94
-do- Accum	133.77	139.34	- 0.12	0.94
Pacific	248.36	258.70†	+ 0.10	1.47
-do- Accum	274.32	285.68†	+ 0.16	1.47
Recovery	218.90	228.79	+ 6.55	3.82
-do- Accum	221.38	232.27	+ 7.03	3.82
UK Index	169.10	176.14	+ 0.85	3.30
-do- Accum	208.75	217.44	+ 1.05	3.30
UK Small Cos	122.68	127.77	+ 0.07	2.98
-do- Accum	133.09	139.63	+ 0.07	2.98
US Smlr Cos	54.61	56.96†	+ 0.78	0.51
-do- Accum	55.85	58.19†	+ 0.81	0.51
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	54.41	57.54	- 0.24	2.76
Equity Trust	67.41	71.29	- 0.36	3.01
Equity Strategy	79.70	84.28	- 0.48	1.84
European Opps	93.60	98.98	- 1.54	4.95
UK Smaller Cos	71.59	75.71	- 0.31	1.31
Investment Inc	95.18	101.73	+ 0.05	6.80
Japanese	72.11	76.28	+ 0.42	
Asia Pacific	122.82	129.88	- 0.42	3.25
American	114.55	121.14	+ 1.05	0.57
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	31.94	31.94		6.224
UK General Inc	56.82	59.80	+ 0.24	2.84
-do- Accum	73.82	78.56	+ 0.31	2.84
Intl Income	271.70	288.80†	+ 2.00	1.59
-do- Accum	473.60	505.20†	+ 3.50	1.59
European	85.85	90.91	+ 0.43	1.70
Japan	63.75	67.58	+ 0.32	0.14
American	78.18	83.69	+ 0.84	2.01
Far East	85.51	91.21	- 0.34	1.17
Ethical Inc	32.87	35.15	- 0.29	2.22
UK Blue Chip Inc	36.25	38.75	- 0.44	2.91
High Inc Inc	38.15	40.49	- 0.38	3.84
UK Global Inc	42.46	45.39	- 0.50	1.76
Wwide Tact	72.48	77.46†	- 0.80	1.32
Europe 2000 Tact	57.55	61.17	- 0.55	1.45
Technology	134.14	142.94†	+ 1.58	1.04
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	422.10	450.86	+ 1.88	2.80
American	299.60	317.80	+ 2.10	0.51
Pacific	377.00	403.20	+ 1.10	0.52
European	581.80	622.20	- 2.10	1.37
Worldwide	91.34	97.68	+ 0.35	0.70
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	294.70	313.00	+ 1.00	2.28
-do- Accum	376.90	401.00	+ 1.40	2.28
UK Sit Co Eq Inc	226.50	241.00	+ 0.90	1.38
-do- Accum	274.90	292.50	+ 1.00	1.38
Select Opptny Inc	76.68	81.99†	+ 0.22	2.80
Income Plus Inc	77.70	82.67†	+ 0.28	3.56
European Inc	365.10	388.50†	+ 4.20	1.29
-do- Accum	415.90	442.50†	+ 4.70	1.29
Far Eastern Inc	172.90	184.00†	...	0.91
-do- Accum	198.80	211.60†	...	0.91
Japanese Inc	57.71	61.40†	+ 0.25	
Nth American Inc	271.90	289.30†	+ 2.60	0.84
-do- Accum	300.60	319.80†	+ 2.70	0.84

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	209.30	222.60	- 1.30	0.63
Wales Venture Inc	82.75	88.04†	+ 0.73	0.60
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	394.90	421.10	- 1.90	2.55
-do- Accum	589.10	632.60	- 2.80	2.55
UK High Inc	191.10	203.80	- 0.80	3.52
-do- Accum	286.40	305.40	- 1.30	3.52
Europe Inc	410.00	437.30	- 7.10	0.48
Nth Amer Inc	252.60	269.40	+ 2.80	
Global Inc	227.70	242.90	- 1.80	0.27
Global Acc	245.30	261.60	- 2.00	0.27
UK Spec Sits Inc	109.80	117.10	- 0.40	3.10
South East Asia	221.60	236.30	- 0.40	0.42
Cash Trust Inc	101.80	101.80		5.99
UK Smlr Cos Inc	112.40	119.90	- 0.50	2.06
-do- Accum	116.30	124.00	- 0.60	2.06
Intl Bond Inc	95.44	101.30	- 0.20	5.70
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	146.80	154.00		4.33
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	137.40	144.80	- 0.20	0.94
Nth American	121.80	128.20	+ 1.80	0.22
Intl Bond & Curr	127.20	133.90	- 0.20	6.65
Pooled Pension (C)	208.00	223.70	...	10.49
Smaller Cos	91.85	96.68	- 0.20	1.18
UK General	146.40	154.10	+ 0.80	2.62
Far Eastern	94.08	99.81†	+ 0.45	..
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6225				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	114.88			
Asia ‡	59.63			
European ‡	138.11			0.29
Global Bond ‡	92.78			8.52
Investment Trust ‡	101.51			2.11
Preferred Income ‡	99.68			6.93
Samurai ‡	52.28			
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.24			6.00
UK Growth ‡	104.86			2.38
Tal Pen ‡	97.28			
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	103.50			2.88
UK Equity Inc ‡	101.61			5.91
Glob Gwth PEP	68.25	72.60	+ 0.54	
Pref Inc PEP #	98.00	104.00	+ 0.36	4.97
Inv Trust PEP	51.35	54.62	+ 0.56	
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	371.30	392.90	- 3.60	
Canadian	64.24	67.97	- 1.15	0.57
Capital	132.40	141.60	- 1.00	1.87
Cash	100.54	100.54†	+ 0.02	6.02
European	142.20	150.50	- 1.70	0.86
Far Eastern	151.80	160.70	- 2.10	
Growth	145.30	153.70	- 1.10	1.46
Income	134.10	141.90	- 0.70	4.98
Magnum	142.60	152.70	- 1.10	1.62
Smlr Secs	437.60	462.50†	- 2.00	0.81
Thoroughbred	165.50	177.20†	- 1.40	1.37
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Capital Planner	54.17	57.86	+ 0.12	8.00
Ethical	66.77	71.26†	- 0.03	2.30
European Growth	74.79	79.58	- 1.11	3.20
Income	57.32	61.63	+ 0.02	5.70
Intl Growth	108.20	109.80	+ 1.30	3.20
Managed	85.08	90.75	+ 0.69	3.90
UK Growth	69.43	73.59	+ 0.23	3.20
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	42.51	42.73	- 0.30	2.28
Global Advtg Acc	45.86	46.09	- 0.30	2.28
Income Advtg Inc	33.62	33.79†	- 0.20	5.50
Income Advtg Acc	37.93	38.12	- 0.20	5.50
UK Equity Gth Acc	79.03	83.78	- 0.80	0.74
Premier Inc Inc	48.25	50.79	- 0.10	7.78
Premier Inc Acc	48.25	50.79	- 0.10	7.78
Managed Acc	55.34	58.67	- 0.60	1.39
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	38.27	40.57†	- 0.30	3.90
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	49.01	51.86	- 0.20	3.90
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	68.81	72.90	- 0.40	2.91
UK Equity Gen Inc	50.08	53.21†	- 0.30	2.91
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.73	32.58†	- 0.10	6.85
Overs Lrg Co Acc	327.70	355.60	- 4.40	1.75
Nth American Acc	51.25	54.46	..	0.14
Pacific Basin	43.11	45.81	..	0.43
European Acc	55.65	58.50	- 0.60	0.65
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (N28)	4.104	4.351	..	1.85
US Eqts (US$)	2.851	3.026	..	1.05
Far East Eqts (yen)	249.40	264.90		
FT Europe	138.70	147.30		1.32
FT N Amer (US$)	2.194	2.324		0.47
FT Japan (yen)	207.70	220.60		
FT Asia Eqts (US$)	2.578	2.738	...	0.90
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	423.90	449.90	+ 3.30	
British #	1145.90	1212.40†	+ 1.40	3.11
Emerging Mkts	132.80	142.00	+ 0.50	0.46
European	575.80	612.98†	- 1.30	0.52
Japan	134.90	142.50	- 0.40	...
New Pacific	389.50	414.80	+ 0.90	1.56
-do- Accum	415.20	442.20	+ 1.90	1.56
Inv Trust Acc	272.20	288.50	+ 2.00	0.82
Mngd Equity	185.50	196.30	+ 0.80	1.65
Mngd Cash	95.74	95.74	+ 0.04	6.03
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 388				
Equity	924.70	989.00	+ 4.50	2.67
North America	152.00	162.60	+ 1.40	
Far East	148.50	159.30	+ 0.70	0.13
Wwide Bond	59.65	63.30†	+ 0.08	5.13
European	109.90	117.50†	+ 1.00	1.32
Equity Income #	98.36	105.20	+ 0.60	5.25
Portfolio	93.60	100.20	+ 0.50	2.13
UK Leading Cos	67.04	71.51	- 0.25	3.08
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	68.80	73.58	- 0.66	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Antares UT	22.95	23.48†	+ 0.06	0.75
European	42.16	44.85†	+ 0.59	0.61
High Income	33.74	35.98†	+ 0.11	4.25
Japan	33.87	36.04†	+ 0.21	0.01
Managed Assets	132.10	141.29	+ 0.87	2.57
North American	36.21	38.53†	+ 0.20	0.67
Smlr Co's Inc	31.83	33.87	+ 0.01	2.21
Smlr Co's Acc	34.13	36.31†	+ 0.01	2.21
UK Growth Inc	59.79	63.61	+ 0.25	2.73
UK Growth Acc	65.68	69.88†	+ 0.27	2.73
UK Income	43.29	46.31	+ 0.21	3.17
Worldwide Gth	36.66	39.24	+ 0.37	0.90
Consolidation				
Canadian Exmpt	58.57	60.39	+ 0.84	2.06
European Exmpt	87.69	90.41	+ 0.82	1.91
Pacific Exmpt	58.61	60.43†	+ 0.39	0.97
US Exmpt	85.15	87.79†	+ 0.55	1.67
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	52.11	55.44†	- 0.57	
Cap Protector Inc	42.34	45.04†	+ 0.16	2.79
UK Income Inc	54.21	57.67	+ 0.28	3.18
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	33.88	35.61†	+ 0.11	5.09
Mngd High Yld Inc	83.09	88.39†	- 0.14	4.43
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	79.36	84.43	+ 0.37	3.29
UK Smaller Cos	36.36	38.68†	+ 0.02	1.70
Pacific Gth Pod	47.49	50.52	+ 0.01	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	251.52	268.16	+ 3.89	..
-do- Accum	277.84	293.16	+ 4.29	..
Brit Growth	106.27	112.45†	+ 1.14	2.04
-do- Accum	130.23	137.81†	+ 1.40	2.04
European	111.46	117.85	+ 1.78	
-do- Accum	118.83	125.54	+ 1.88	..
Extra Income	199.19	210.79	+ 2.35	4.05
-do- Accum	351.92	371.45	+ 4.13	4.05
Smaller Cos	80.86	84.74	+ 1.21	1.04
-do- Accum	91.02	96.32	+ 1.36	1.04
General	314.59	335.01	+ 3.67	2.21
-do- Accum	663.27	701.87	+ 7.70	2.21
Premier Income	49.94	52.02†	- 0.05	7.11
-do- Accum	118.94	123.90†	- 0.13	7.11
Income	358.41	378.80	+ 3.63	3.53
-do- Accum	782.10	827.82	+ 8.55	3.53
Pacific	406.83	430.51	+ 4.56	
-do- Accum	427.48	452.35	+ 4.79	
International	574.36	607.79†	+ 7.12	
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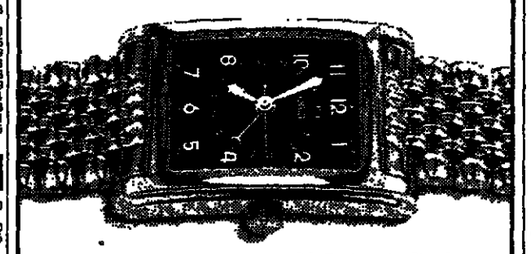
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Public calm, private hell

[illegible] have declared plans to protect women from violence. Sally Brittles on the search for fast track legislation



A woman bears the brunt of male anger: will MPs agree reforms to give greater protection from violent partners?

Domestic violence is [illegible] the major social problems of our time. More than [illegible] times a year, it is estimated, women (and [illegible]) suffer violence from their spouse or cohabitant, making up what the British Crime Survey estimates to be one fifth of all violent incidents. Last year, NCH Action for Children estimated that [illegible] children were indirectly affected — in their behaviour and development.

What has happened to democratic law-making when legislators — mostly male — subordinate essential aspects of family failure and public safety to the myth of domestic harmony?

The divorce reforms of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, hinge on bringing an end to the swell of petitions based on "unreasonable behaviour", a fault-based ground that allows proceedings to start much sooner than a consensual divorce based on a two-year separation.

The reasoning is that the violence and abuse pleaded by wives in behaviour petitions is a ploy to secure a quickie divorce. Since Lord Mackay knows that violence in marriage cannot be swept so speciously under the carpet, he has introduced the new Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill which deflects criticism o the extent to which his divorce proposals will expose wives of violent partners to risk.

But the Bill is also a long overdue law reform, which has received shabby parliamentary treatment. Last week's deal effectively traded a reduction in "new" rights of cohabitees in the Bill for right-wing support of the Government's proposals, which remove fault from divorce.

This uncertain attempt to prolong marriages at the expense of the physical safety of the unmarried and their children might not have been possible had our time-honoured democratic procedures been followed.

Under the new Jellicoe procedure, it was whisked through both Houses almost unnoticed earlier in the parliamentary session. As a result, our legislators knew little about this Cinderella of a Bill.

Help for victims veers between an uncertain police response, patchy local authority rehousing provision and a shoestring system of voluntary refugees and support organisations. Usually, the only means by which a woman can opt to stay safely in her own home, with the law's full protection, is by bringing private injunction proceedings in the civil court. The Bill reforms and extends the complex law and procedures by which this is done.

Originally drafted by the Law Commission three years ago, it was neglected until the Government agreed to include it in a batch of "uncontentious" Law Commission Bills to be sped through Parliament under the untried new procedure.

The notion behind it is that "technical" law reform — the straightening out, re-writing and editing of law that has, with the passage of time, got into a tangle of multiple legislation and case law — should be waved through without the handicap of queuing for precious parliamentary time.

It is a compromise to which the Labour opposition has readily agreed, bending to the veiled blackmail that, otherwise, important reforms will remain on the shelf.

The new domestic violence legislation is not uncontentious. And, like virtually all the current batch of Law Commission Bills to go through, the Government has meddled with it.

The nature of the Jellicoe procedure makes the Bills extremely hard to restore or amend. Debate is cut to a minimum and held mainly among peers and not MPs. The Bill received two short debates in a foreshortened period in the Lords.

In the Commons it received both Second Reading and Committee "debates" just before the summer recess, each lasting mere minutes, inside the space of a week. The final Commons stage, the Report Debate, faced a similar fate until the Government realised it was no longer a law-reform package but a bag of bargaining chips.

The debate it should have received would have put the black-letter law reforms in their social context. It should have excavated the absence of any plans to reform procedure and repeated the strong concerns of the Home Affairs Select Committee that those without legal aid or the money to employ lawyers might fail to get a legal remedy. It would have questioned the failure to link criminal penalties and protection. It might have restored the Law Commission's provisions for third-party proceedings by the police in the most extreme cases.

Above all, full parliamentary debate would have provided a focus for new thinking that has invaded the law since the passage of the Children Act and the introduction of the Child Support Agency: a philosophy that puts the practical needs and social welfare of children and their carers above the technical property rights of the economically (and physically) stronger party. The Bill extends the right of protection beyond cohabitees living together as husband and wife, to a wider circle, including relatives, former spouses and cohabitees, and engaged couples. It introduces psychological harm to the definition of violence, and it gives greater prominence to the welfare of children caught in a violent relationship.

Important factors laid down by the Law Commission for judicial decisions on the right to occupy the home deserve quotation. They are:

- The respective housing needs and resources of the parties and any relevant child;
- The respective financial resources of the parties;
- The likely effect of any order, or of any court decision not to make an order, on the health, safety and well-being of any relevant child.

Under legislation passed by the last Labour Government, cohabitees can already exclude a violent partner from the home. Case law has also developed certain equitable property rights for some cohabitees who do not have legal rights to the home they share. The Bill's aim was to bring all the existing tangle of statute, procedural and case law within a uniform jurisdiction and to apply uniform principles to it.

The "new" rights that the defenders of family values would like to eliminate may well live on in law. While the new values would be tilted dangerously and unfairly away from the children of the unmarried, as well as the partners and other relatives who live in the same house as a violent or abusive person.

Worse, the Bill might be lost altogether if the Lord Chancellor cannot climb down fast enough to appease the right wing before the end of the parliamentary session. How will the Government's insistence on a cheap, long-winded, lawyer-free, mediated-round-the-table, divorce regime look then to the women and children for whom family values are a broken nose?

A lonely lawyer quietly plots . . .

When F. Hubert Jessop, a regional solicitor, had the temerity to challenge the Law Society hierarchy by standing against its presidential candidate, and winning, the wrath of the legal establishment was terrible to behold and he did not get the usual knighthood. That was in 1954 and for many years the vision of his return to Aberystwyth as plain Mr Jessop served to discourage anyone else from standing for president against the Law Society council's approved candidate. Even when the Government stopped giving knighthoods to presidents, only approved candidates dared stand. Then came Martin Mears, who not only stood for president but announced his intention of standing again, thus departing from the tradition of presidents leaving the job as soon as they had found out how to do it.

If Mr Mears had been promising the slaughter of the first-born, the opposition of the legal establishment to his candidature could not have been more strident. Sage heads spoke of the incalculable harm that would result from a Mears presidency. The legal press was full of stories of senior partners of large commercial firms being urged to get their employees to vote *en bloc* for Henry Hodge on the basis that even a socialist legal aid practitioner was better for the profession than an arch-conservative from Great Yarmouth.

I predicted in this column that Mr Mears would win and that Henry Hodge would come second. I expected that, without a power base on the council, Mr Mears would run into difficulties. Both have proved to be true. He has been defeated over the issue of the controversial severance package that John Hayes, the secretary-general, granted to Veronica Lowe, the outgoing head of the Solicitors Complaints Bureau. Mr Mears wanted an inquiry but was voted down. But this arrangement had been concluded and a group of lawyers is hardly likely to vote to interfere with a settlement already agreed. The suspicion also exists that some members thought £90,000 was a small price to pay for "releasing" a controversial figure.

Mr Mears claims that some council members promised to support him but did not. If true, it suggests that some council members either change their minds very easily or are not very honourable. Neither trait is desirable in a solicitor. But it does not follow that this is a blow for Mr Mears personally. The profession at large is suspicious of Law Society spending and anyone who tries to challenge large severance payments to top staff will be popular with the rank and file. In 1994, in a highly unusual supplementary report to the report and accounts, Mr L.J. Bloomfield, the Law Society's honorary auditor, criticised some of the society's financial arrangements.

So is Mr Mears foundering? There is now talk of a caucus on the council pledged to oppose him. Robert Sayer, the vice-president, says in the *New Law Journal* that the election may prove to be "nothing more than throwing a brick into a pond — a big splash and a lot of ripples". It is difficult, he says, for two men to fight the "smothering forces of complacency and tradition" on their own: he urges the ordinary membership of the profession to demand that change does occur.

Yet to those more than a stone's throw from Chancery Lane, Mr Mears is surviving well. He has subsequently skirmished publicly with Mr Hayes over the Lowe package and has emerged with a plan approved by the finance committee for hiring-and-firing powers over senior staff to be given to the committee rather than the secretary-general. Leaked letters in the legal press tend to show the president fighting a lonely populist cause against the establishment. This may be posturing but it is effective politics.



PATRICK STEVENS

What critics tend to forget is that Mr Mears is also an able journalist writing for his local newspaper and the nationals. His carefully cultivated high profile and the extra publicity given to him by his opponents' hysteria enable him to reach a big audience and to portray himself as a doughty fighter for the ordinary solicitor. And it enables him to move his political campaign along by openly calling on candidates to stand to challenge his opponents on the council. It gives him a strong platform for standing again as president on the basis that he needs to keep at the job for as long as it takes to complete his reforms. Given that he already has a popular mandate, opponents who carry on opposing him will find this difficult without appearing petulant and out of touch with the membership.

The vanquished Mr Hodge has intelligently kept out of much of the fray, leaving others less astute to rise to the bait over "discrimination industry" gibes.

Meanwhile, much is made of Mr Mears's political inexperience in all this. But he is an intelligent man and the learning curve in politics is a steep one. The signs are that he is learning fast. His opponents should not underestimate an election winner with a populist touch and a flair for publicity. Martin Mears may sit on his own in the Law Society bar but he will be plotting.

● *The author is a practising solicitor.*

The Edge on Mears?

OUTS

ONE THIRD of law firms who do conveyancing have charged fees of less than £150, according to new research from the Law Society.

Worse for the profession is the news that the total number of transactions in the property market has dropped every month since 1994.

The society's policy unit, claiming there is "little hope of recovery", warns solicitors it would be unwise to plan on a rise in the market.

The news will fuel the remarkable campaign by John Edge, a Bournemouth solicitor, to get scale conveyancing fees reintroduced. Rumour has it that the campaign is making the president, Martin Mears, nervous. His opponents mischievously point out that the 11,500 letters of support Mr Edge has had from solicitors up and down England and Wales are close to the number of votes Mears got in the summer elections.

Mr Mears has acknowledged conveyancing as "another catastrophe".

Short courts

PERHAPS the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, should visit Denmark if he wants to find an alternative to levying up to £2,000 a day in court fees: Lord Woolf, too, as he continues his quest for the holy grail of cutting trial delays.

Klaus Juul-Hansen, resident partner in the Danish firm Kromann & Münter's London office, says: "Our courts charge a fee for starting proceedings, calculated as 1 per cent of the amount claimed. It is seen as very equitable in Denmark".

Effectively, the larger the amount claimed the greater the fee. "But even your proposal for a 'pay as you go scheme' would," he says, "be more equitable there."

He adds: "The most complex commercial trials normally last only two days."

Merger mania

A SURVEY has revealed that 100 per cent of a sample of law firms with 11 to 49 partners have approached, or have been approached by, another firm to discuss a merger. Forty-six per cent are "actively considering" one, and 80 per cent of all the solicitors surveyed say they would consider a merger.

The results, says Simon Mabey, chairman of the chartered accountants Smith & Williamson, which conducted the survey, "provide dramatic evidence of what we have suspected for some time: that mergers are among the most pressing issues for solicitors firms today."

Plain speaking

THE Plain English Campaign admits its challenge for lawyers to come up with 100 words of legalese which cannot be translated into plain English is proving too much for the legal profession.

The campaign was started last month but has only received three rather obscure submissions: a paragraph from a conveyance dating from 1920 and two highly technical sections of a 1970 Finance Act.

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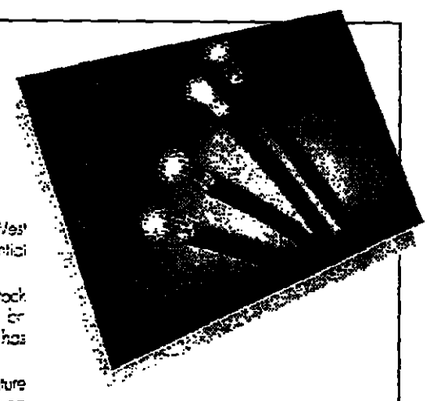
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What's special about the Bar?

Solicitors do not have enough belief in their legal knowledge or ability, says **Rory McAlpine**

Recent reports from North of the Border suggest that the Caledonian solicitor-advocate has begun to flex his muscles in the civil courts. But in England, 18 months after the first rights of audience were handed out to solicitors, the solicitor-advocate remains a relatively unfamiliar sight within the Royal Courts of Justice in The Strand.

Sixty civil practitioners in the London area have obtained the right to appear in the Supreme Court. Though their profile is marginally more conspicuous than that of the Unicorn, it seems these individuals seldom venture out.

There is no obvious reason for this reticence. In private, many in the City voice a fear of alienating their "learned friends", a concern that, if their bread and butter were to be withdrawn, those trusty briefs would no longer make themselves available for the most critical cases (the "mega trials" the firm's most valued clients simply must win). This anxiety surely betrays a misconception as to the true seat of the bargaining power in the solicitor-barrister relationship. In the competitive world we now inhabit, leading members of the Bar are hardly going to refuse the opportunity of a lucrative excursion because the profession as a whole feels undernourished. Bear in mind also (but not too closely) that, as we are so often reminded by the elder statesmen of the Temple, barristers have a professional duty to undertake any case falling within their sphere of competence.

Anyway, why is the "big name" barrister considered so vital to the client's prospects of success? Too many lawyers in the City behave towards the Bar like a teenage wannabe encountering a testosterone-dripping hero in the public walkways of Wimbledon. In short, they are starstruck. Though that climate, and that attitude, persists, they are hardly likely to pick up a racket and position themselves on the opposite side of the net.

Are there valid reasons for the City's continued reliance on the Bar? Barristers themselves resort to analogies from other professions: the solicitor is the general practitioner, the barrister the consultant. Once the patient's ailment has been diagnosed, a referral to a specialist must ensue. This argument presupposes that the barrister operates within a narrower field of practice than the solicitor who instructs him (and, in some instances, that presupposition is well founded). Yet, paradoxically, many City solicitors confine themselves to a smaller area of the law than the barristers they instruct in mainstream commercial chambers.

> City lawyers behave like teenage wannabes with the Bar

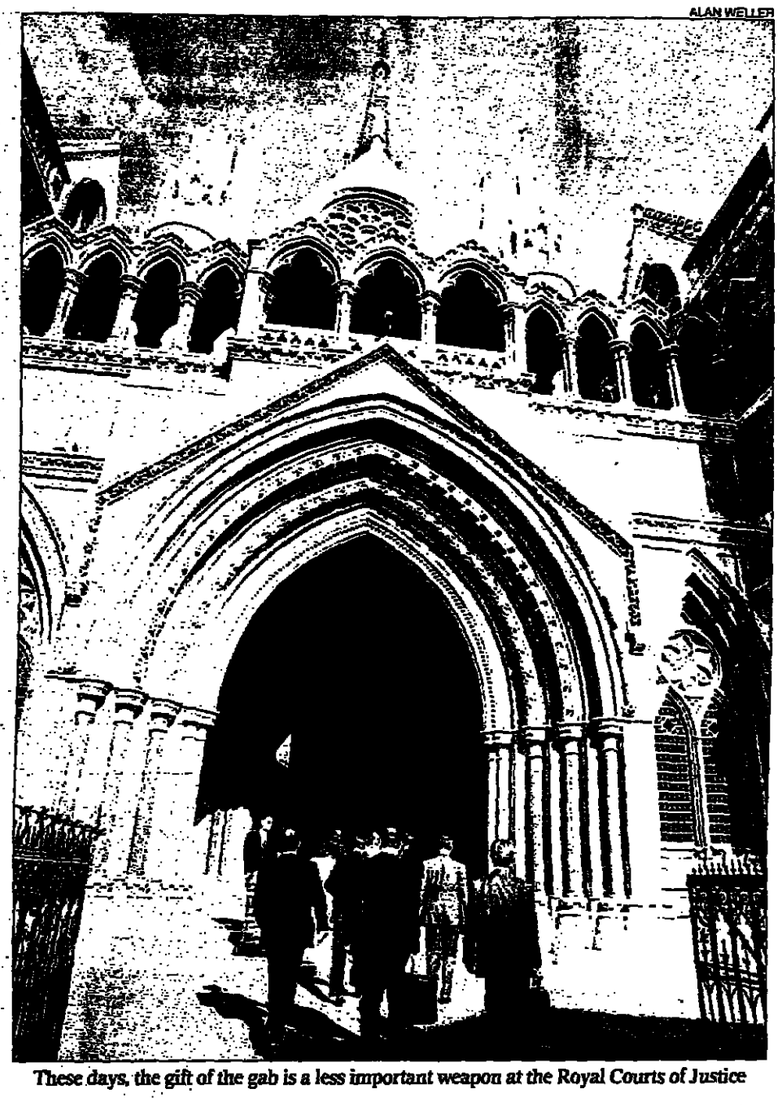
The specialisation argument explains the Bar's attraction to the smaller firm — and will ensure that the Civil Bar's relationship with this type of practice will continue to prosper. It does not provide the key to the continuing procession from EC2 to EC4.

Objectivity is a concept that always rears its head in the advocacy debate. It is widely — and probably accurately — thought that a barrister is more likely than a solicitor to be able to tell the client "what he doesn't want to hear". It is said that this is because the barrister does not have a direct relationship with the client.

I, for one, would question whether the ability to impart bad news arises from some mystique attaching to the barrister role. Does it not stem from the fact that it is the barrister, rather than the solicitor, who will have to endure the embarrassment of appearing in Court and having a hopeless argument denounced by the judge? The responsibility of presenting the case imparts a sense of realism.

Some argue that solicitors are pursuing energetically the new opportunities with which they have been provided. It is simply the case, so this argument proceeds, that in these transitional days, solicitors have not yet "found their feet" in sufficient numbers to make themselves visible. Those who favour this theory point enthusiastically to the proliferation of "Country House Hotel Advocacy Weeks" on which charabanc-loads of tyros are expensively dispatched. The mock trial is the extracurricular flavour of the month.

It is surprising that the proliferating schools of adventure have not been bruised by loss of revenue. But the inculcation of "conjuring tricks" is surely not the way to spawn a generation of solicitor-advocates. I would suggest that those who lavish money on this type of activity have failed to identify the reason why the Temple remains such a popular destination for City solicitors. More often than not in commercial cases, an advocate distinguishes himself not through sleight of hand or the silken qualities of his tongue, but because he has grasped the legal issues.


ALAN WELLER

These days, the gift of the gab is a less important weapon at the Royal Courts of Justice

As we move away, with the encouragement of Lord Woolf and others, from orally presented argument to written submissions, the gift of the gab becomes a much less important weapon. It is all too convenient for solicitors to peddle the myth that the barrister, because of the peculiarities of his training, possesses intangible courtroom skills the solicitor can never hope to acquire or emulate. But the workload of the Commercial Bar consists, in large measure, of advisory work and drafting documents, matters which are merely ancillary to the performance in front of the judge.

The prime — but largely unspoken, and possibly subconscious — reason for the City's dependence on the Bar is surely that the solicitors' profession has insufficient confidence in its own legal knowledge or ability. That lack of confidence may, to some extent, be justified. The cure, however, has suddenly become available, if only the so-called "junior profession" would make use of it.

Statistics suggest that a significant number of the most capable law graduates gravitate towards the Inns of Court, rather than the Law Society. The availability of rights of audience presents the solicitors' profession with the perfect tool with which to change that trend. In these inaugural days, it remains possible for City firms to "talk a good story" to prospective recruits, to tell them that a new age has dawned and to titillate them with the prospect of a glittering career addressing the courts. But, unless hard evidence of derring-do in The Strand is soon forthcoming, the story will wear thinner and thinner.

Yet the benefits which litigation firms and their clients can derive from the presence of an advocacy function are significant: the service is more streamlined, the scope for delay is reduced, the job of the solicitor is rendered more stimulating. If only "old habits" could be jettisoned more readily.

● *The author, head of the advocacy unit at Wilde Sapte, City solicitors, was granted rights of audience in January.*

LEGAL ROUNDUP

Asil Nadir's new tactics

ASIL NADIR is to use pretrial publicity to fight his case. Peter Krivinskas, his solicitor, is preparing abuse of process papers in an attempt to stay proceedings against Mr Nadir, which are expected to take place next March. If he succeeds in getting charges dropped, his client will sue the Serious Fraud Office and others for damages.

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Hearing 'inadmissible' evidence

Regina v Gilfoyle

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Mr Justice Scott Baker and Mr Justice Hidden

[Judgment October 20]

The Court of Appeal could, in the exercise of its discretion under section 23(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, of its own initiative review the decision at trial that the evidence was inadmissible and, if it concluded that the evidence was relevant and admissible, it could receive the evidence on the appeal.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by Norman Edward Gilfoyle against his conviction in July 1993 at Liverpool Crown Court (Mr Justice McCullough and a jury) of murder, for which he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Section 23 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 provides:

"(1) For the purpose of this part of the Act the Court of Appeal may, if they think it necessary or expedient in the interests of justice — (a) order the production of any document, exhibit or other thing connected with the proceedings, the production of which appears to them necessary for the determination of the case; (b) order any witness who would have been a compellable witness in the proceedings from which the appeal lies to attend for examination and be examined before the court, whether or not he was called in those proceedings; and (c) subject to subsection (3) below, receive the evidence, if tendered, of any witness."

Mr Michael Mansfield, QC and Mr James H. Gregory for the appellant: Mr Rodney Klevan, QC and Mr Brian Lewis for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that on June 4, 1992 the appellant's wife, Paula, had been found hanging from a beam in the garage of her home. Initially it was assumed that it was a case of suicide because the appellant produced a note in which she had expressed an intention to take her own life.

On June 8, 1992, Mrs Mallion, a friend of Paula, made a statement to the police concerning a conversation between them in April 1992.

Mrs Mallion stated that Paula had told her that her husband, who was an auxiliary nurse, was doing a suicide project at work and asked for her help in writing examples of suicide notes. Two other friends made statements concerning similar conversations with Paula.

A more detailed investigation into the circumstances of Paula's death was put in train which eventually led to the appellant's conviction for murder.

In opening the appeal Mr Mansfield said that it was plainly a case where the court must have a lurking doubt that the verdict of the jury was unsafe. He asked the court to receive fresh evidence from a Mrs Piper who said she had seen Paula on the day of her death, from a forensic pathologist and from a handwriting expert.

Their Lordships rejected the application to hear evidence from the last two witnesses but agreed to receive the evidence of Mrs Piper.

In addition, their Lordships considered that the court had power, of its own initiative, to receive evidence if relevant and admissible, and that at least part of the evidence contained in the statements of Paula's three friends as to what she said to them concerning the suicide notes, which had been ruled inadmissible hearsay at the trial, was indeed relevant and admissible.

In their Lordships' judgment the court had not only the power to receive admissible evidence which would afford a ground for allowing the appeal but had a wider discretion, if it thought it necessary or expedient in the interests of justice, to order any witness to attend for examination and to be examined before the court whether or not he testified at the trial.

They were satisfied that the interests of justice were not simply confined to receiving evidence which would result in an appeal being allowed particularly when the court was being asked to review as unsafe and unsatisfactory the verdict of a jury after an impeccable summing-up on the ground that it had a lurking doubt.

The statements attributed to Paula by her three friends threw light on her state of mind which was one of the principal issues in the case. Hearsay evidence to prove the declarant's state of mind was an exception to the rule which had been accepted by the common law for many years.

Accordingly, their Lordships were satisfied that, if considered necessary in the interests of justice, the fact that the statements were made could be proved to show that when she wrote the notes Paula was not of a suicidal frame of mind and that she wrote them in the belief that she was assisting the appellant in a course of work.

Turning to consider the evidence of Mrs Piper, in conjunction with the other circumstances upon which the Crown relied to show the time of death, their Lordships did not consider that Mrs Piper's evidence would have been likely to have affected the jury's verdict nor were they persuaded that it was of such weight that the verdict should be regarded as unsafe and unsatisfactory. It was not, therefore necessary or expedient in the interests of justice to require Paula's three friends to attend to give evidence.

Their Lordships expressed the hope that the Law Commission Consultation Paper No 138 on Criminal Law *Evidence in Criminal Proceedings: Hearsay and Related Topics*" (HMSO) would clarify the law and produce a law of evidence in criminal cases which had been, in the words of Lord Griffiths in his dissenting speech in *R v Kearley* ([1992] AC 228, 236): "... developed along common sense lines readily comprehensible to the men and women who comprise the jury and bear the responsibility for the major decisions in criminal cases."

Those men and women were surely entitled to a rational explanation why, when they were chosen to apply their common sense and experience in the assessment and appraisal of witnesses' evidence, they should be regarded as lacking the ability to discern the difference between speculative rumour and spontaneous truth in statements made out of court.

Although in their Lordships' opinion the making of the statements in the present case was relevant and admissible under the existing complex hearsay rules, the fact that dubbing them "hearsay" sufficed to proscribe them from the jury's judgment was hardly likely to enhance public esteem of the criminal process.

Solicitors: C. J. Malone, Todmorden; Crown Prosecution Service, Merseyside.

Whether to register overseas doctor

Regina v General Medical Council, Ex parte Virik

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment October 24]

In making a determination under section 25 of the Medical Act 1983 as to whether to grant full registration to a doctor with acceptable overseas qualifications the General Medical Council did not have to make a comparison with a hypothetical European Union equivalent applicant.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal brought by the GMC against the decision of Mr Justice Carnwath, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division (*The Times* February 17, 1995) when he quashed the decision of the GMC refusing Dr Balbir Singh Virik full registration as a medical practitioner.

Section 25 of the 1983 Act provides: "A person who is or has been registered with limited registration may ... apply to the General Council to be registered fully ... and if the council think fit so to direct, having regard to the knowledge and skill shown and the experience acquired by the applicant, he shall be registered ... as a fully registered medical practitioner."

Mr Robert Englehart, QC and Mr Timothy Straker for the GMC; Mr Robin Allen, QC, for Dr Virik.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said that Dr Virik had medical qualifications and experience from Malaysia and India. He came to the UK in 1982 and acquired limited registration under the 1983 Act which entitled him to practise medicine for a five year maximum under supervision. Between 1982 and 1987 he held senior house posts. In March 1992 he applied for full registration which was refused by the GMC and upheld by the review board. He applied for judicial review and the judge quashed the decision of the GMC and the review board but refused mandamus and declaratory relief.

The 1983 Act made a distinction between the registration of doctors qualifying in the UK and elsewhere in the EU on the one hand and registration of doctors qualifying overseas. Furthermore, there was a distinction between those with "recognised" overseas qualifications eligible to full registration immediately and those with "acceptable" overseas qualifications who were only eligible for limited registration: see sections 19 and 20.

There were only 22 overseas institutions subject to regular inspections by the GMC and recognised for the purpose of full registration under section 19.

On behalf of the GMC, Mr Englehart submitted that the statutory enactment regarding registration for UK/EU doctors stipulated requirements for education and experience and there was close supervision by an education committee at all stages.

There was further a divergence between those with "recognised" and "acceptable" overseas qualifications. So far as the former was concerned, provided the doctor had the necessary knowledge of English and was of good character, the GMC was expressly required to conduct a comparability test under section 19(2).

The fundamental distinction between the two classes of registration of foreign doctors was entirely understandable since the 22 recognised institutions were well known to the GMC and were regularly inspected.

However, Mr Englehart submitted that the position with regard to limited registration under sections 22 to 25 was entirely different. There were over 900 other institutions with so many wide variations of quality that comparison was virtually impossible.

Section 25, he urged, laid down no particular or single standard and gave the GMC a wide discretion. He said the judge had erred by reading into section 25 an unwarranted assumption that there was a single standard to be measured against an equivalent standard of UK/EU qualifiers.

Mr Allen submitted that the judgment of Mr Justice Carnwath should be upheld. He argued, inter alia, that since the successful applicant had to be registered under section 19, all the requirements of that section, including the comparability test, were imported into section 25 applications.

His Lordship found that a tautologous argument. A far better explanation was that the draftsman found it convenient to stipulate registration of all overseas applicants under section 19 whether actually by section 19 or under section 25.

It followed that his Lordship was unable to conclude that as a matter of construction reference to section 19 registration in section 25 imported the section 19(2) comparability test.

On the contrary, there was a striking comparison between the inclusion of a comparability test in section 19 and its omission in section 25. In his Lordship's judgment, Mr Englehart was right to submit that section 25 envisaged a value judgment of each applicant's suitability.

His Lordship would uphold the submissions of the GMC and allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson delivered a concurring judgment and Mr Justice Forbes agreed.

Solicitors: Field Fisher Waterhouse; Picton Smeathmans, Hemel Hempstead.

Caution over confiscating home

Regina v Gregory

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Mr Justice Scott Baker and Mr Justice Stuart-White

[Judgment October 19]

A court minded to make a confiscation order under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 in relation to equity in the matrimonial home ought to proceed with considerable caution.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in allowing an appeal by Timothy John Gregory against concurrent prison sentences of four years, imposed in January 1995 by Judge Hunt at Sheffield Crown Court on conviction of two counts of possessing a controlled class B drug (amphetamine sulphate) with intent to supply, which were reduced to three years; and a confiscation order made under the 1986 Act in the sum of £11,640.20 payable within 12 months with 12 months imprisonment consecutive in default, which was varied to £120, payable within 28 days or seven days imprisonment consecutive in default.

Miss Julia Dick, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr John T. Sleighholme for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE STUART-WHITE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the judge was not justified in concluding that the appellant was anything more than a courier and there was no evidence that he was in possession of drugs on any other occasion. The sentence of four years would therefore be reduced to three.

It was inappropriate for the judge to have found that the value of the drugs could be considered as the proceeds of drug trafficking. The only evidence of payment was that of £120 which the appellant admitted he was paid for making the journey on the occasion when he was arrested. Accordingly, the judge should have assessed the benefit in that amount.

On the question of realisable assets: the judge accepted the figure for the appellant's realisable assets as £11,640.20 and made an order accordingly. That figure was essentially half the apparent equity in the appellant's home which he owned jointly with his cohabiter.

Their Lordships were of the view that a number of obvious difficulties arose where a court was minded to make a confiscation order in relation to the equity in a matrimonial home. In the present case the appellant and his cohabiter were joint tenants rather than tenants in common. That joint tenancy appeared not to have been severed. In those circumstances the cohabiter had on the face of it an interest in the whole of the equity.

There was no indication that any steps were taken to inquire into the contribution of each party to ascertain the proportion of interest had the tenancy been severed. An estate agent had valued the property by looking at it from the street but the judge appeared to have taken no account of the costs that would necessarily have been incurred in selling the property nor whether in the circumstances it would have been possible to sell the property at all, bearing in mind the occupation by the family.

That was an indication of the kind of problems likely to be involved where a court was considering making a confiscation order in respect of the equity in a matrimonial home.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Leeds.

Effect of impossible condition in will

Watson v National Children's Home and Others

Before Judge Colyer, QC

[Judgment October 9]

Where a will imposed a condition on the donee of a gift but the circumstances at the death of the testator made it impossible for the condition to be fulfilled, the condition was spent and the gift could be taken absolutely.

Judge Colyer, QC, sitting as a judge of the High Court, so held on an originating summons issued in the Chancery Division by Ronald Owen Watson, the sole executor named in the will dated September 27, 1974 of Herbert Albert Chambers, deceased, the testator.

The respondents to the summons were the National Children's Home, the trustees of the National Canine Defence League and Peter William Brocket who represented the testator's next of kin.

Mr David Ainger for the executor; Mr Edward Cohen for the National Children's Home; Mr Michael Templeman for the Canine Defence League; the next of kin took no part in the proceedings.

HIS LORDSHIP said that by clause 3 of his will the testator gave his estate "as to one half ... to the National Children's Home ... and as to the remaining one half ... to the National Canine Defence League ... on the condition that the said League will look after my domestic pets in their kennels during the remainder of their natural lives but in the event of the said League not agreeing to such condition I bequeath such one half ... of the residue of my estate to the National Children' Home."

When the testator made his will in 1974 he had one dog, a doberman. That dog predeceased him and when he died he had no other pet. His net estate was valued at some £120,500.

Mr Cohen said that as the Canine Defence League could not fulfil the condition imposed by the testator it could not take the gift and he relied on *In re Brown's Will* ((1881) 18 ChD 61). His Lordship, however, was against him for two alternative reasons.

The first was on a construction of the words used. They clearly meant that the League should care for "any domestic pets I may have when I die" and that if there were none, the gift would pass absolutely. Any other interpretation would lead to a bizarre result.

He considered the League's main authority, *Dawson v Oliver-Massy* ((1876) 2 ChD 753). In that case the testator left a fund to trustees upon trust for X for life, and subject thereto to divide the fund equally among the daughters of the testator's sister, Y, on their attaining 21 "or marrying with the consent of their parents".

Y's husband died before the testator and Y's elder daughter married under 21 with the consent of her mother. The Court of Appeal held that the gift was dependent on the daughter marrying "with the consent of the parents or parent if any", so that the gift to her was valid.

Brown appeared superficially to limit the ratio of *Dawson* but his Lordship considered that a principle was deducible from the two cases: where words were used which imposed a condition on a donee taking a gift and at the death of the testator it had become impossible to fulfil the condition by reason of the impossibility of the condition, the condition was spent and the gift could be taken absolutely.

Those words were not to be construed too widely and without reference to the facts of a particular case in which the purpose of construction was always to collect the intention of the testator from the words used.

The second reason was that if he were wrong in the construction of clause 3, that meant clause 3 was ambiguous when related to the circumstances at the death of the testator. The court was therefore entitled to employ section 21 of the Administration of Justice Act 1982 to let in extrinsic evidence of intention to resolve any ambiguity.

There was in existence a handwritten note from the testator giving instructions to his solicitor that half his estate should be given to an animal welfare charity, with the proviso that any pets he might leave behind were to be properly cared for by it.

The executor had had no doubt that what the testator had intended was that if the testator had no pets at the date of his death, the League should still benefit. That half would only pass to the National Children's Home if the testator died leaving pets and the League for some reason refused to look after them.

Therefore, both by construing the will and by the section 21 route his Lordship without hesitation held that half the estate should go to the Canine Defence League and the other half to the National Children's Home.

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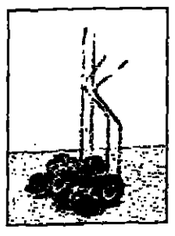
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■ VISUAL ART 1

The Hayward's new exhibition reveals how dictators controlled, or failed to control, artists



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... and at the Camden Arts Centre, Ken Lum's bold photographs evoke the concerns of ordinary people



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VISUAL ART: **Richard Cork** on the works produced when Big Brother was watching; plus shows across the country

The power and the vainglory

Ever since the propaganda power of image-making became apparent, tyrants have tried to exploit and bully the artists whose talents they admire. Potentates had no qualms about using painters and sculptors to bolster their own glory, and some of the greatest works in art were the product of these shameless ambitions.

By the time the 20th century arrived, though, most artists were fighting free of such interference. So catastrophe was bound to follow when, in the 1930s, monstrous dictators began insisting that art should be a political tool.

This is the gruesome period explored in the Hayward Gallery's new *Art and Power* exhibition. Focusing on the odious trio of Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin, the survey reveals just how much damage they inflicted on the artists under their control.

The story begins in Paris, where a mammoth International Exhibition was staged in 1937. Supposedly dedicated to *Arts and Technology in Modern Life*, the whole overblown event provided an ideal showcase for totalitarian governments to brag about their virility.

On one side of the Seine, the roof of the Italian pavilion boasted a giant equestrian sculpture by Giorgio Gori. Just as Mussolini would have wished, it uses the classical image of a naked hero on horseback to suggest that Italy had recovered the power of its imperial past.

But the most explosive encounter occurred across the river. Here, in an all-too-prophetic confrontation, the Soviet pavilion stared at its German counterpart. Vera Mukhina produced the titanic sculpture of the *Industrial Worker and the Collective Farm Girl*, both striding fiercely forward and brandishing the hammer and sickle like swords in the sky. They seem bent on challenging their German neighbour to fight, but the dour Prussian eagle surmounting the Nazi pavilion stares back implacably.

Whatever their ideological differences, all three sculptures announced that art should abandon experimental freedom and return to rigidly traditional styles. The modernism championed by the French, in nearby buildings where Léger and the Delaunays produced exuberant murals, was anathema to the dictators.



Joan Miró's anti-Fascist poster *Aidez L'Espagne* (1937)

Picasso typified everything they abhorred. Restlessly innovative, he seemed to them a reveller in irresponsible obscurity. So Spain's decision to commission a colossal painting from Picasso enraged his opponents. And by giving his masterpiece the title *Guernica*, Picasso hit out at Franco's bombing of the Basque town with German planes.

Too large to be lent to the Hayward, *Guernica* is represented here by a blown-up photograph of the painting in its original setting at the heart of the Spanish pavilion. Its impact was overwhelming. Even if visitors were unable to interpret the tangled symbolism of a picture dominated by an anguished horse, a contorted bull and a naked bulb radiating splintered fragments of light, Picasso's involvement with suffering was passionately conveyed.

> Picasso typified everything the dictators abhorred

Imploring and grieving women play an eloquent role in *Guernica*, and Madrid has lent his closely related 1937 painting of a mother deploring the death of her child. Its jagged, protesting contours transmit a stark condemnation of civilian slaughter.

Picasso's outspoken support for the Republican cause was echoed by Miró, who painted a monumental mural on the pavilion's staircase called *The Catalan Peasant in Revolt*. Now known only through photographs, it looks like an apocalyptic call-to-arms. The incensed peasant rises from the land towards a star-spattered sky, and sharp prongs project from his mouth as he utters a war cry.

In a similar mood, Miró also designed a poster called *Aidez l'Espagne*. Beneath its fist-clenching Catalan figure, the artist wrote that the Fascists were "spent forces" unable to resist "the people, whose boundless creative will gives Spain an impetus which will astonish the world".

Despite the enormous morale-boosting value of the support provided by Miró and Picasso, the Republican cause crumbled. Within a couple of years Franco had won, and he ensured that Spain remained hostile to independent-minded artists for the next 35 years. Republican prisoners were coerced into building the grandiose *Monument to the Fallen*, initiated by Franco in 1940. Its repellent pomposity had much in common with the heavy Imperial style favoured by Mussolini. He expected painters to enter national competitions with themes as preposterous as "Listening to a speech by Il Duce on the radio".

Even so, Il Duce was not the cruellest dictator. At least he stopped short of persecuting all but a few of his artists, and tolerated the existence of abstraction. Stalin must have regarded him as inexcusably weak. In 1934 the Soviet Union terminated all hope for adventurous art with the founding of Socialist Realism. Andrei Zhdanov, Stalin's vehement cultural commissar, decreed that truly revolutionary artists should henceforth be "engineers of the human soul". In other words, their work was expected to brainwash the USSR into believing that the entire nation rejoiced in blissful productivity.

Approved art became unbelievably saccharine. Apple-cheeked workers in the fields were as vigorous as the sinewy athletes parading through sunlit city squares. As for Stalin's portraits, they presented him in the most sage and benevolent guise.

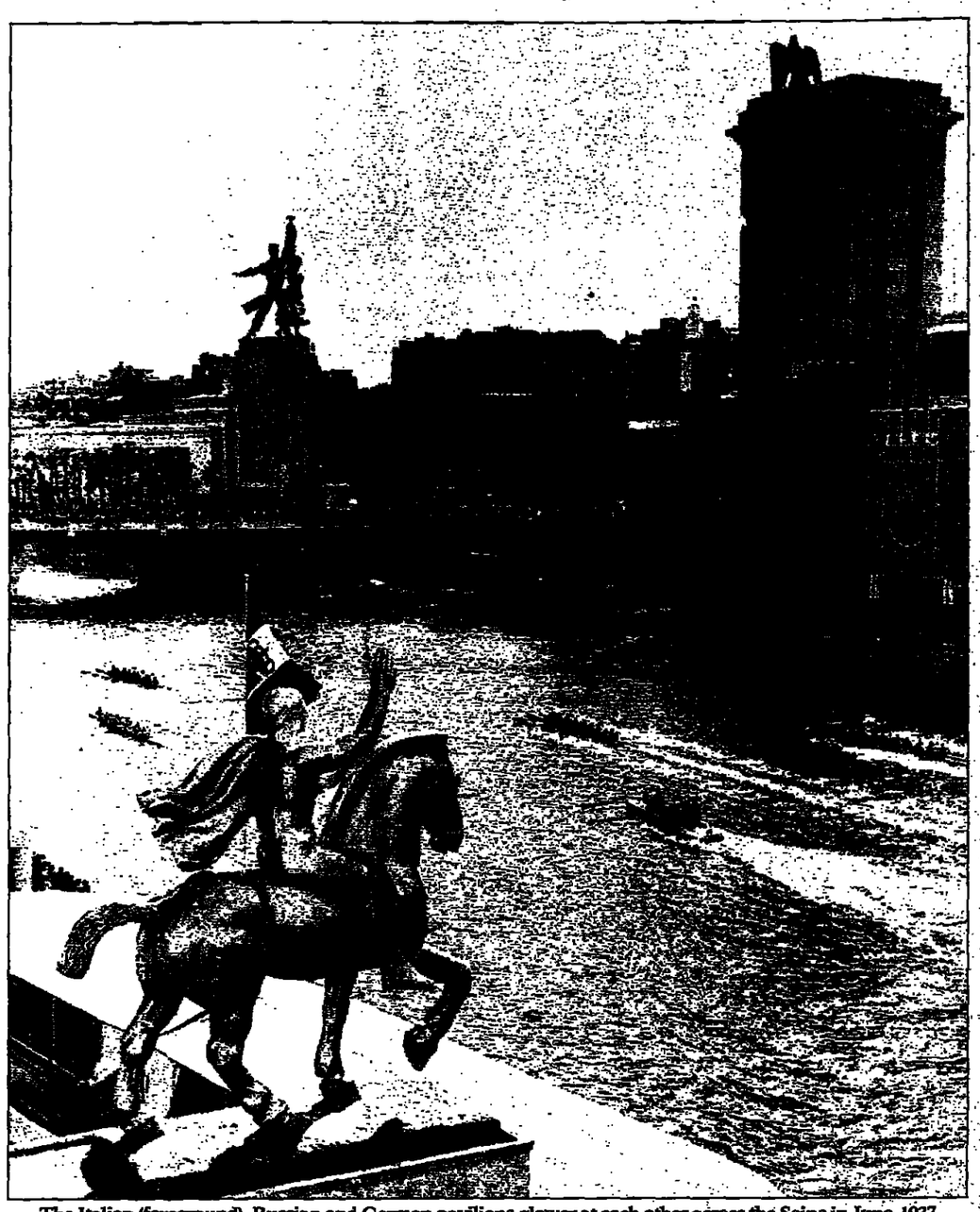
But the Hayward show does not let us forget that the real Stalin grew ever more savage, staging show trials and murderous purges in order to obliterate all trace of heretical abstraction.

If the projected Palace of the Soviets had been erected, Moscow would have been dominated by the tallest building in the world. Although indebted to Art Deco, this overbearing exercise in blatant triumphalism was dressed up in classical quotations. It lacks the icy refinement of the designs prepared by Hitler's pet architect, Albert Speer. Having proved his showmanship in the dazzling geometrical beams of the "light architecture" shone into the night sky above the 1936 Olympic Stadium, Speer laboured on a scheme for a colossal domed hall in central Berlin. It would have provided Hitler with the ideal megalomaniac backdrop for his crisply choreographed parades.

The Führer himself looks irritatingly smug in his 1937 portrait by Heinrich Knirr. This was the year when he staged the infamous *Degenerate Art* exhibition, reviling painters as pre-eminent as Beckmann, Kokoschka and Klee. The banned artists fled, leaving Hitler to lavish his warped largesse on the hacks who served up Aryan idylls of the Master Race. The aptly named Arthur Kampf produced a fatuous *Venus and Adonis*, where a blonde, muscular hausfrau grabs her lover's pumped-up torso. Instead of welcoming her advances, the homoerotic hero turns yearningly in the direction of a wild-eyed horse. The result is risible, but the Nazis' utter lack of humour would have ensured that they failed to see its inherent silliness.

There was nothing remotely funny about Hitler's systematic suppression of the finest German artists. The suffering caused by Nazi censorship must never be underestimated. But it failed, ultimately, to crush all the victims of its perverted campaigns. Kokoschka's *Self-Portrait as a Degenerate Artist* is stiffened by an obstinate refusal to let his enemies win. Exiled and isolated, he stares out from the canvas with a resilience backed up by his turbulent brushmarks. Here is a painter who, however hounded he may feel, resists adversity to the end.

● Art and Power, *Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London, SE1 (0171-261 0127) until Jan 21*



The Italian (foreground), Russian and German pavilions glower at each other across the Seine in June, 1937

ROUND THE GALLERIES

SOUTHAMPTON City Art Gallery has adventurously commissioned new work by six painters for its current exhibition. Interesting juxtapositions and useful comparisons are made possible by the decision to hang work by two artists in each of the modestly scaled galleries. Despite apparent visual similarities between the uniformly abstract paintings, a range of abilities and attitudes does emerge.

Ian Davenport paints fine stripes, bright against dark. The use of colour is sophisticated; the effect luxurious and confident. These hang opposite all-over single colour paintings by Clem Crosby — orange chrome, dead ochre, mars violet. While Davenport's pictures are immediate, Crosby's take almost as long to gain our attention as they took to make. Written notes — the date of the work and other jottings — are left down the side of the stretcher, probably to tell the viewer, and to remind the artist, that these works represent the culmination of a process.

Next door, Torie Begg's thin, translucent works suggest more lyrical roots, evoking both a fine, misty infinity and the making, baking and firing of glazed ceramic surfaces. Opposite, Zeberdee Jones's emphatic paintings look as if they are slices or sections of actual matter. Although Jones regards his work as being about the process of its own production, the imagery still suggests the damp, opaque depths of the sea.

In the next room two young painters seem to slug it out in silence. Jason Martin's work consists of a one-shot action — a sweep or curve through a single layer of magnolia-yellow paint. Opposite him Peter Davis allows unexpected references to domesticity to creep in. Davis produces finely detailed work over a series of large canvases. A painstakingly applied pattern of blue spots and white lines, recalling the material covering seats in railway carriages or the surfaces of kitchen worktops, toys with the patience of both viewer and artist.

Southampton City Art Gallery, North Guild Southhampton, (01703 632601) to November 12

☐ The main gallery at Camden Arts Centre is currently hung with a series of large colour photographs placed beside bold texts on brightly coloured grounds.

Criticism of these recent text and photographic pieces by the Canadian artist Ken Lum has usually centred on their simplicity or apparent naïveté. Lum poses people in "normal" situations, paying a great deal of attention to detail, and then photographs the scene. A woman, in obvious distress, hangs on to a telephone in a street booth; another waits for her child in a supermarket carpark; an adolescent girl is reassured that she is not ugly by a prettier girlfriend; and a semi-naked stripper stares at herself in the mirror and wonders what on earth she is doing.

By applying repetitious speech or thought in bright bold letters to one side of the picture Lum aims to tap into a sort of shared mantra of worry and preoccupation, in an attempt to show that art can still recognise a common condition. Although this work deals with the familiar, it achieves a timelessness that transcends the hasty narratives of television soap operas.

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Brief scenes from a continental picture

Charlotte Mullins reports on a show that introduces four leading women sculptors to this country

Stretching across the diagonal length of the first of three white galleries, the Danish artist Kirsten Ortwed's floor-hugging sculpture *Random Walk* introduces the viewer to *Gravity's Angel*. This is a group show by four European artists who have yet to gain major recognition in this country, although their work has been widely exhibited elsewhere.

But even though this exhibition, curated by Penelope Curtis, provides the first real opportunity for Britain to discover Ortwed's work and that of the Belgian Lili Dujourie, the German Asta Gröting, and the Spaniard Cristina Iglesias, each artist is represented by only two works, with the largest space holding only *Random Walk*.

This is a series of ten bronze mounds, folded and distorted with smooth expanses contrasting the pitted and finger-punched undersides of each lump. At first ugly and verging on abject, the work quickly establishes a kind of dialogue with the viewer through the intricacy of surface and through each piece's relation to its neighbour, the rest of the pieces and the gallery space.

The mounds were formed by Ortwed lifting as much coarse clay as she could onto a forklift truck, then hurling the clay at the ground.

The floor, and the gravity that pulled the clay towards it, are important aspects of Ortwed's current work, in the case of *Random Walk* actually contributing to the final shape of the sculptures. In this way her work can be seen to fit the title of the show, which sets up a dichotomy between weight, substance, reality and the insubstantiality of our image of angels.

Cristina Iglesias's *Sin Título* (1993) consists of five iron and alabaster constructions that jut from the upper regions of the gallery wall. Despite the density associated with these materials, the alabaster has been cut into sheer strips, held in place by iron grid structures that seem to fly upwards in a series of overlapping planes. The veined alabaster is thin enough for the top lighting of the lofty gallery to shine through and give the stone a transcendental luminosity. Given the church-like space, and the huge opaque glass doors that rise the whole height of one wall, a religious reading of the "wings" is immediate, but Iglesias is adamant that this is not intended: the work is about the materials, the qualities inherent to alabaster.



Kirsten Ortwed used a forklift to make *Random Walk*

The title of the exhibition, however, raises the religious aspect once again. In this way the title becomes problematic, something that the catalogue intensifies by trying to relate each piece to it.

Gröting is a sculptor who has recently taken to filming her performance pieces for gallery presentation, while Dujourie's two elongated black-legged boxes stand facing each other in the small exhibitions room, away from the main galleries. They invite the viewer to look inside at their contents, which are presented at eye level. A white cloth rests towards the back of the box, softly folded, but slowly the viewer becomes aware that the drapes are in fact made of fragile white plaster. Suddenly the box becomes a protector, designed to ward off assailants.

It is a shame that the exhibition contains so few works; it makes it difficult to form a clear view of each artist's visual vocabulary. In the case of Ortwed, for instance, who asserts that she has no distinctive style but works in a variety of media from a series of ideas, the show is like a trailer to a full-length feature that will not be shown in this country.

Visually, however, the exhibition is appealing, and allows the viewer to think without distractions. The setting plays an active role in the presentation of each piece, and in our reactions to them. In any case, being left hungry to see a wider selection of the artists' work is perhaps more rewarding than the visual and mental saturation that can result from a glut of unfamiliar work.

● Gravity's Angel, *at the Henry Moore Institute, 74 The Headrow, Leeds (0113-234 3158), until Dec 30*



■ FILM

Revelations of a silent world: ancient documentaries are screened at Pordenone



■ POP 1

The virtues of a well-made song, emphasised again at Squeeze's concert in the Albert Hall

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■ POP 2

. . . while another veteran, Mike Scott, goes literally solo with superbly lyrical results



■ MUSIC

In Birmingham, Elgar Howarth directs a programme of new music and modern classics

Silent voices of another country

Geoff Brown picks a few gems from the embarrassment of riches provided by this year's Pordenone silent film festival

This has been the year when silent non-fiction cinema hit back. Ignored for decades by historians entranced by the slapstick comedies, outsize spectacles and intimate dramas of cinema's youth, actuality films of every shape and size are now popping out to amaze and entertain at every specialist festival. *The Life of a Racing Pigeon*, X-rays of frogs' legs, *The Manufacture of Walking Sticks*, epileptic seizures, pretty Venetian views: these bleary eyes have seen them all at the 14th Giornate del Cinema Muto, the silent film festival held annually at Pordenone in Italy.

Pordenone's selection came only three months after its rival, Bologna's Il Cinema Ritrovato, had unleashed its own silent non-fiction survey. But there was very little overlap. Drawing predominantly on the holdings of our own National Film and Television Archive, the festival uncovered a lost continent of celluloid. Anything and everything passed before the world's early cameramen: fashion shows, sporting events, farmers auctioning off a pig, and even a deaf mute girl reciting *The Star Spangled Banner*.

Early cinema never discriminated between documentary or fiction: the categories had yet to be formed. Everything was spectacle; and if the cameraman was not actually present when shells fell on a Red Cross tent during the Boer War, audiences would easily accept fakes made in England (Blackburn, actually), in perfect safety.

At the end of the week, an audience vote was held for the most popular non-fiction short. Britain won with *Crossing the Great Sagrada*, a facetious burlesque made by Adrian Brunel in 1924, parodying the expedition films of the times. Brunel's spoof was funny, but the fact that it had been screened a few hours before voting closed indicates that tiredness may have curtailed some memories.

It is hard watching endless short films, and Pordenone's organisers, never the most sensitive programmers, piled on the agony by arranging several other sections devoted to short material. There were the silent cartoons of the Fleischer brothers, Max and Dave: brilliantly inventive mixed-media games in which Max's animator interacts with Ko-Ko, the mischievous clown who emerges from his pen. There was the Alan Roberts Collection, a wondrous haul of European films gathered by a New Zealand collector and stored under a tarpaulin in his back garden until they were brought to New Zealand's archive and restored with funds from the European Union's Lumiere project. All fascinating; all short. Indeed, there were so many films this year that two cinemas were needed to show them.

As this was the festival that almost died from lack of money we should not complain too harshly about this year's sprawling edition. And there were some feature films to sink our teeth into: silent films from China; a retrospective of Henry King, the American director best known for weathering the decades at 20th Century Fox; a decadent delight from Julien Duvivier, *L'Homme à l'Hispano*; major classics such as *The Man with the Movie Camera* and *The Gold Rush*.

> 'The festival organisers piled on the agony'

Both these titles were given the live orchestra treatment. Only three players accompanied Dziga Vertov's dizzy celebration of cinema montage and the new Russia, but they kicked up enough ruckus to fill a stadium. Among other instruments, the Alloy Orchestra of Boston came armed with metal springs and a fire extinguisher. They also came with the musical scenario devised by Vertov for the film's premiere in 1929. Vertov's instructions specify aural effects — a ticking clock, a howling storm, an "unbelievable din" — but leave the choice of notes to the musicians. The group followed Vertov's outline, although the sounds were mostly the Alloy's patented brand of loud, driving rhythms.

For *The Man with the Movie Camera* the auditorium quivered with a sense of excitement and adventure. Chaplin films, by contrast, rarely provoke such feelings today: a notable feature of the *Gold Rush* screening was the muted response to Charlie's dance with the bread rolls, long regarded as a comic highlight. The fault certainly did not lie with the print. Working from motley sources, the Photoplay team of Kevin Brownlow, David Gill and Patrick Stanbury managed an impressive reconstruction of the 1924 original (most available prints of this Klondike comedy-drama use Chaplin's version of 1942, which shortened scenes and added a commentary). Nor did the music jar: Carl Davis's adaptation of Chaplin's 1942 score was entirely supportive.

If the finger points anywhere, it must point at Chaplin himself. The bread roll dance is no organic gag sequence, it is a show-off stunt; one more indulgence by an enormously gifted star who cannot stop preening before his camera.

Chaplin may have won few extra fans with *The Gold Rush*, but other film talents during the week raised their profile considerably. Two beautiful actresses, Li Lili and Ruan Lingyun, fought a valiant battle against poor-quality prints in a valuable cross-section of Chinese cinema. The films did not suggest a silent cinema as vibrant as Japan's, but it was hard not to warm to the fragrant melodrama of *Daybreak*, or the high spirits of a college movie like *Queen of Sport*.

We also widened our acquaintance with King, a lanky Virginian who began in films as a pleasant actor and grew, in the 1920s, into a leading director, at his best with rural life and the wide open spaces. Suitable material did not arrive every day: in *Romola*, filmed in Italy and based on George Eliot's novel, he got bogged down by lavish sets and a star with a halo, Lillian Gish. But *Tol'able David* remains a stark and beautiful masterpiece; while *The Winning of Barbara Worth*, Gary Cooper's first notable film, successfully balances spectacle with intimacy in a story of love, greed and desert irrigation.

The festival's most delightful discovery, however, was *Als ich tot war*, made in 1915 by the master of continental comedy, Ernst Lubitsch, and discovered last year in Slovenia. Non-fiction treasures are one thing; but when this 23-year-old capers about as a bon vivant who becomes a servant in his own house, X-rays of frogs' legs begin to look very puny.

KOBAL COLLECTION



The American director Henry King, subject of a Pordenone retrospective, on the set of *Romola* in 1925

Minus marks in a beautiful score

OPERA

Euryanthe
Theatre Royal, Brighton

NEW Sussex Opera has gained a reputation for high-calibre productions of works that regional opera companies would normally consider beyond them. *Peter Grimes*, *Benvenuto Cellini* and Weill's *Lost in the Stars* are among its successes, and its 1990 *Tannhäuser* ranks among the most stimulated Wagner I have seen.

This year, ever-adventurous, New Sussex has tackled Weber's *Euryanthe*, a masterpiece of a score, notoriously crippled by an unsatisfactory libretto (sung here in the English translation by the Weber scholar John Warrack). Like *Lohengrin* (which it influenced), *Euryanthe* features a virtuous pair (Adolar and Euryanthe) and a villainous pair (Lysiart and Eglantine), who plot their downfall. Euryanthe, innocent and trusting, confides to Eglantine a secret about Adolar's dead sister and finds herself accused of infidelity.

Unfortunately, George Roman's production (designed by Colin Winslow) never looked like making a persuasive case for the drama, and will have done little to advance the cause of one of the most unjustly neglected scores in all opera. Roman's unimaginative conception (a play within a play that served no discernable purpose) and inept handling of characters never gave the team a chance.

But in truth, little of the solo singing did real justice to the richness of Weber's vocal lines. Michael Pearce's Lysiart alone exuded baleful confidence and stylistic assurance. Fiona Firth-Spiller as Euryanthe and Tertia Sefton-Green as Eglantine each had a brave shot at her role; over the two remaining leads, it would be kinder to draw a veil.

There was some sturdy singing from the NSO Chorus. In the pit, Lionel Friend kept things on the move. The masterly quality of Weber's orchestration was frequently glimpsed, and only a recalcitrant volume control blew the gaffe on the flawless off-stage horn calls.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Short and sharp

NEW MUSIC

BCMG/Howarth
Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham

OF ALL the ten scores commissioned under the Sound Investment scheme, none represents better value than Philip Cashian's *Chamber Concerto*. Lasting about 15 minutes, it is constructed in as many different sections, each one clearly intended to be an experience in itself, however short. It is not always clear, since there is scarcely any transition, why one section follows another, but every new idea is so arresting that there is no time to think about the wider structural implications.

The first performance of the Concerto, given by the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group, was clearly not without its problems. One section, featuring mainly woodwind, is so packed with conflicting sounds that the oboist carrying the main melodic interest had to come to the front of the platform just to be heard. But the energy of the concept carried it through such technically dubious areas and, as a penultimate section not unjustly marked "scintillating" finally congealed into one marked "frozen", the proportions seemed to fall into place.

Berg's Chamber Concerto is a formidable challenge to all concerned, and, although the solo parts were idiomatically played by the violinist Lyn Fletcher and the pianist Malcolm Wilson, an under-characterised interpretation made things easier for no one.

The most persuasive performance of the evening was of Poul Ruders's *Four Dances in One Movement*, the engagingly coloured and provocatively motivated score written for the London Sinfonietta ten years ago. The most authoritative was the unerringly timed unfolding of the imaginary landscape in Harrison Birtwistle's *Silbury Air*.

GERALD LARNER

POP AND JAZZ: Passion from Mike Scott; Squeeze hold their own; John McLaughlin and Joe Zawinul connect

Simply a man of the music

Mike Scott
Empire, W12

The warm-hearted spirituality of Mike Scott's debut solo album, *Bring 'Em All In*, has been greeted with childish hoots of derision by the young tastemakers of the Britpop generation. But after six studio albums recorded over twice as many years at the helm of the Waterboys, the 36-year-old singer has nurtured a talent and reputation that is, thankfully, beyond the long arm of the fashion police.

Not that he has given up trying. "Gonna chase Oasis right to the top of the charts/Might take me a while but I'm gonna break those boys' hearts," he sang, with a mischievous twinkle in his eye during the furiously energetic *Working on My Karma*.

Having literally gone solo, Scott shouldered the entire burden of this two-hour concert. The "special guests" advertised on the tickets never materialised, unless you counted his assistant, Buddy, who conscientiously supplied Scott with a freshly tuned and capoed acoustic guitar before nearly every number.

Dressed unfussily in a black shirt and trousers, his face framed by thick brown hair, Scott combined the firm attack and occasional flamboyant pose of a rock star with the easy rapport of a folk singer. Born in Scotland and besotted, in later life, by Ireland, he sang many of his marvellous, often brief tunes in a soft brogue of strangely indeterminate Celtic origin.

Songs such as *Edinburgh Castle*, *City of Ghosts (Dublin)* and *Glastonbury Song* traced the path of his life geographically, but the key to the show, and his music, were the many numbers devoted to his quest for a deeper emotional enlightenment. "I won't be judged, only known," he insisted on *My Dark Side*, a new composition with an unusually brooding undercurrent which, like others, held a powerful mirror to his soul.

He played keyboards for several numbers — including the Waterboys' biggest hit, *The Whole of the Moon* — blew into a racked up harmonica with Dylanesque imprecision during *What Do You Want Me To Do?* and plugged in an electric guitar for a contrastingly over-the-top encore of *Medicine Bow*.

But it was a triptych of straightforward love songs — *I Know She's in the Building*, *She is So Beautiful* and *Trumpets* — that marked the high point of the evening, sung with a simple, aching passion they captured the essence of a man with more than enough music to go round.

DAVID SINCLAIR



Mike Scott: Celtic passion, flamboyant rock and easy folk

Dead cool for cats

Squeeze
Albert Hall

When Squeeze first poked their noses around the corner of the charts, it was de rigueur to describe their songwriters Chris Difford and Glenn Tilbrook as the new Lennon and McCartney. Such comparisons may not have endured, but the duo's partnership and ability to assemble a superior pop record have.

Indeed, as Tilbrook introduced his "mate for the past 22 years", one mused that the alliance has lasted far longer than that of the other Fab Two, and that while Squeeze's achievements have been far more parochial, they remain the best this country has when it comes to furthering the threatened trade of producing an arresting lyric and long-lasting melody.

Squeeze could hold classes for the Britpop pretenders, even if Difford and Tilbrook are old enough to play dad to some of them. They also know that mere coolness is a vacuous virtue: better to strive for a tune that works like a magnet and a lyric that lays bare something real, even something vulnerable.

So it remains in their new material. In other hands, a song about a seaside romance such as *This Summer* would have had as much guile as an old episode of *Summertime Special*. An affectionate and autobiographical trawl through a happy childhood, as in *Electric Trains*, would be something to hide under the bed with your old pinups and your first 45s.

But Squeeze remain a pop group and proud of it, at ease with their past and able, as ever on this closing night of another huge UK tour, to produce fresh and fragrant versions of the songs that have made them an English treasure. So, it was straight into *Annie Get Your Gun* and *Pulling Mussels (From the Shell)*, with the set pieces *Cool for Cats* and *Up the Junction* perfectly integrated with less appreciated, more recent jewels such as *Some Fantastic Place* and *Third Rail*.

The new album, *Ridiculous*, released in two weeks, was previewed in some detail, and from it *Heaven Knows* and *Walk Away* helped Squeeze continue to debunk the miserablist theory that says all the good songs have been taken.

PAUL SEXTON

Divergent paths eventually fuse

John McLaughlin/ Joe Zawinul
Festival Hall

The Yorkshire-born guitarist John McLaughlin and Viennese keyboard player Joe Zawinul cemented their reputations as leading figures in electric jazz through playing in the early fusion bands of Miles Davis, but their subsequent musical paths have diverged considerably.

While McLaughlin embarked on a spiritual quest under guru Sri Chinmoy, explored Indian music and wrote a guitar concerto, Zawinul ploughed a straighter furrow, leading Weather Report with saxophonist Wayne Shorter from 1971 to 1986, and later forming his own bands, Weather Update and the Zawinul Syndicate.

Of late, however, McLaughlin has shown signs of wishing to present his music in a more accessible format. To this end, his current band, Free Spirits, featuring powerhouse Hammond organist Joey DeFrancesco and fusion drummer supreme Dennis Chambers, dispenses a beguiling mix of swift-moving originals, jazz standards intelligently arranged, and the odd blues, although traces of the various stages at which McLaughlin paused in his journey from Davis sideman to internationally respected bandleader remain.

Like his early Mahavishnu Orchestra work, Free Spirits' music features tricky time-signatures and blistering runs played as fast as is compatible with tastefulness — its virtuosity largely serves, rather than is allowed to overpower, its improvisatory spirit.

The restrained lyricism and spiritual questing which characterised his mid-1970s acoustic group Shakti is also discernible in the current trio's sound, although at times — particularly during a delightfully subtle version of Carla Bley's *Sing Me Softly of the Blues* — the band came dangerously close to enjoying itself, pure and simple.

Zawinul, by contrast, has never had any accessibility problems, and his sparky young band zipped effortlessly back and forth between churning funk generously leavened with percussion, spacy atmospherics garnished with muezzin-call vocal effects, and bubbling, punchy African rhythms that could have escaped from a Salif Keita album.

This was densely layered, multi-textured music held together by Zawinul's extraordinary range of keyboard sounds and driven by the wonderfully chunky drumming of Paco Sery. Its only drawback was its relative inhospitality to incisive improvisation, all the more regrettable because guitarist Fareed Haque shone on the few occasions he was allowed the space to do so.

CHRIS PARKER

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David Pountney's *Fairy Queen* staging continues to dazzle eye and ear

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CHOICE 2

. . . while Jude Kelly directs a new play by Woye Soyinka

VENUE: Opening tonight, West Yorkshire Playhouse

THE TIMES ARTS



THEATRE 1

A surreal view of feudal Spain, brought to the stage in *Silverface* at the Gate



THEATRE 2

The blithe spirit of Noël Coward lives on in *A Talent to Amuse* at Chichester

LONDON

THE CABINET OF DOKTOR CALIGARI: Opening night for a stage version of the German silent classic, premiered at Nottingham last month. Good sets, unearthly music, pointless dancing but a haunting performance by John Ramm as Matthew Kelly's sleepwalking killer. Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

DAME MARGARET PRICE: The great Welsh soprano crowns a fine season of vocal music at the Wigmore with tonight's recital of the Lieder of Richard Strauss and of Hugo Wolf. A flavour of Vienna and the Romantic Century is on offer from the Nash Ensemble tomorrow and later in the week (Thurs), in contrast, come the Tallis Scholars singing English music from John Taverner (born 500 years ago) to Purcell (died 300 years ago). Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm.

THE FAIRY QUEEN: David Pountney's saucy new production for the English National Opera of Purcell's theatre piece has infuriated as many as it has entranced — it is funny, sexy, romantic and, above all, theatrical, and as such a worthy tercentenary tribute to a great theatre composer. Nicholas Kok conducts a superb cast. A "must see". Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300). Tonight and Fri, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Opening night for James Pursfoy and Paide Ayola as Miraculi and Millament, with Linda Spurrier as Lady Wishfort, in Bill Alexander's production of **The Way of the World**. William Congreve's delightful comedy, admired for nearly 300 years for its brilliant wordplay. **Repertory**, Centenary Square (0121-236 4455). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Nov 9, 16, 2.30pm. Nov 4, 11, 3pm. Until Nov 18.

Also in Birmingham, **Welsh National Opera** offer a week of its scintillating season. Choose from the ever-popular *Madam Butterfly*, Verdi's *Nabucco* and Mozart's monumental *Idomeneo*. **Hippodrome**, Hurst Street (0121-622 7486). Tonight-Sat.

LEEDS: Opening night too for **The Beatification of Area Boy**, Nobel Prize-winner Wole Soyinka's new play about corruption and survival in modern Lagos. Judc Kelly directs. **Courtyard**, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Mount (0113-244 2111). Tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Nov 4, 3pm and Nov 8 and 15, 2pm. Until Nov 25.

SOUTHAMPTON: Glyndebourne Touring Opera is on the road again, offering a season of delightfully different tastes. The week opens with Deborah Warner's love-it-or-hate-it *Don Giovanni*, followed by Francesco Piccoli as a near ideal Rodolfo in *La Bohème*. There is just one performance (Fri) of the company's main new production, Benjamin Britten's peace-parable opera *Owen Wingrave*, which is notable for some excellent singing. Ivor Bolton conducts. **Mayflower**, Commercial Road (01703 711 811). *Giovanni*, tonight and Thurs; *Bohème*, Wed, Sat; *Wingrave*, Fri.

Also in Southampton, it is last week of performance for **Blithe Spirit**, Noel Coward's comedy of seances, ghosts and the chaos of one husband with two wives in the same house. A co-production with the Wolsey, Ipswich. **Nuffield**, University Road. (01703 671771). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
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☐ **ABUNDANCE** Maryam d'Abo and Myriam Cyr play mail-order brides struggling to survive the rigours of 1860s Wyoming. From Pulitzer Prize winner Beth Henley, directed by Lisa Forrell. **Riverside Studios**, Crisp Road, W6 (0181-741 2255). Now previewing, 8pm, opens tomorrow, until Dec 3.

☐ ***FUNNY MONEY*** Ray Cooney plays the man who finds a bag of bank-notes in his latest farce, Charlie Drake excellent as a sorely-tried taxi-driver. **Playhouse**, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **LA GRAND MAGIA:** Richard Eyre directs Eduardo de Filippo's fascinating comedy where a seaside magician (Bernard Cribbins) bamboozles a jealous husband (Alan Howard). The comforts of illusion, the alarms of truth. **National** (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm; mat Wed, 2.15pm.

☐ **HOBSON'S CHOICE:** Leo McKern in the title role of Harold Brighouse's warm-hearted comedy. Nichola McAuliffe and Graham Turner excellent as daughter and son-in-law. Lyric, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, Sat, 3pm.

◪ ***AN INSPECTOR CALLS:*** Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

◪ **JOLSON:** The story of the first man to speak in movies, with Brian Conley in the lead and a sequence of songs from the Jolson repertoire. High energy, polished but patchy, with Sally Ann Triplett as Ruby Keeler. **Victoria Palace**, Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **MACK AND MABEL:** The Jerry Herman musical set in early Hollywood where the careers of Mack Sennett and Mabel Normand untold and clash. Fine songs, though a troublesome book. Paul Kerryson directs Howard McGillin and Caroline O'Sullivan in the leads. **Piccadilly**, Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734). Now previewing, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Opens Nov 7.

◪ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM:** Adrian Noble's richly beautiful production: the outstanding cast includes Alex Jennings, Lindsay Duncan, Desmond Barrit, Barry Lynch. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm. Final performances.

■ ***THREE TALL WOMEN:*** Maggie Smith, Sara Kestelman and Samantha Bond in Edward Albee's fascinating play about the adoptive mother who withered his childhood. **Wyndhams**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **VIVAT! VIVAT REGINA!:** Janet McTeer and Barbara Flynn play the queens in Robert Bolt's now old-fashioned drama of the rivalry between Elizabeth I and Mary, Queen of Scots. Roy Marsden directs. **Mermaid**, Puddle Dock, EC4 (0171-236 2211). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 2pm and Sat, 3pm.

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

NEW RELEASES

HAUNTED (15): Ghost sceptic Aidan Dunn revises his opinions staying in a stately home. Laboured version of James Herbert's novel. Director, Lewis Gilbert. **Empire** (0171-437 1234) **MGMtc Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031).

THE LIFE AND EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURES OF PRIVATE IVAN CHONKIN (15): Pleasant satire about a dotish soldier and Russia's military machine, but the film's time has passed. Jiri Menzel directs. **Minema** (0171-235 4225) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402).

TAKE CARE OF YOUR SCARF, TATJANA: Poignant comic delight from Finnish minimalist Aki Kaurismaki. Plus *Total Balalaika Show*, the Leningrad Cowboys in joyous concert with the Red Army Ensemble. **ICA** (0171-930 3647).

◆ **TO DIE FOR** (15): Delicious social satire about a television weather girl's murderous lust for glory. Gus Van Sant directs Nicole Kidman and Matt Dillon. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMtc Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914096) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

◆ **UNDER SIEGE 2** (18): Die Hard on a train, with an impressive star (Steven Seagal), a grinning villain (Eric Bogosian), and much tedious action. Director, Geoff Murphy. **MGM Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343).

CURRENT

◆ **ASSASSINS** (15): Cat and mouse games between two contract killers. Reasonable action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone, Antonio Banderas and Julianne Moore. Director, Richard Donner. **MGMtc Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Warner** (0171-437 4343).

THE BIG SLEEP (PG): Classic 1940s thriller with Humphrey Bogart as Philip Marlowe and a famously impenetrable plot. With Lauren Bacall. **Curzon Phoenix** (0171-369 1721).

THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY (12): Best-selling romantic tosh given the kid-glove treatment by director Clint Eastwood, who co-stars with Meryl Streep. **MGMtc: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Panton Street** (0171-930 0631) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Warner** (0171-437 4343).

◆ **MORTAL KOMBAT** (15): Cinema version of the video game, all fights and special effects. With Christopher Lambert. **MGMtc: Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914011) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914096) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343).

◆ **THE NET** (12): New technology, but enjoyable old thrills, with Sandra Bullock as a computer expert in peril. **MGMtc: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914096) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332).

◆ **POCAHONTAS** (U): Strangely dull slice of American history: a backward step for Disney cartoons after *Aladdin* and *The Lion King*. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914096) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332).

Barbarity with a comic edge

Silverface
Gate, W11

The peasants are puppets in a devilish temper. They push up from the ground and pop out of the planking walls in David Farr's aesthetically enthralling production of *Silverface*, part of Ramon del Valle Inclan's bizarre Spanish trilogy, *The Barbarous Comedies* (finished in 1922).

The production is true to what Valle called his *Esperpento* vision, with its seriocomic grotesquerie. The Galician puppet-peasants are at once cartoons and oddly unsettling, their carved faces ploughed with angry lines. They are in a rage about rights of way.

Donald Sumpter's Don Juan Manuel de Montenegro, towering over his underlings and coldly satanic in his breeches and boots, is blocking the path which the peasants and the Church (Peter Marinker's Abbot) want to travel.

Montenegro's pretty but wicked son is on sentry duty. Tony Curran's Silverface, a cowboy with a Scottish accent, rides a horse which looks like death. He has a bad habit of bringing this nagging memento mori into dens of vice and women's bedrooms. The horse watches over the wall, absurd yet as frightening as Goya's nightmares and Picasso's Guernica, all veins and teeth with vampire-bat ears and one eyeball on a stalk.

Meanwhile, Curran's angel-blue eyes are perpetually up to something, even when he speaks to his so-far innocent love, the abbot's niece Sabelita, played by elfin Tonia Chauvet, who invests purity with intensity.

Sarah Blenkinsop's design is a dream, her long aisle-style stage strewn with fallen flowers and scattered with trapdoors like an advent calendar going down to hell.

At Montenegro's castle, where Sabelita is caught, his dining table is encapsulated by two lids flipped up, each furnished with an empty plate. With the peasant cry of "Burn his crops", red lights glow under the grooved floor before the crackling becomes pouring rain.

Valle's plot seems muddled, though. Silverface's assassination by a cowled dealer of cards and his presumably back-from-the-dead fumble with an adoring whore, are shuffled in with showdowns between Montenegro and the Abbot, where everyone appears to be going to the devil. The issues of feudal and Catholic corruption can seem remote.

With great liveliness, David Johnston's adaptation caters for accents from Irish to Caribbean. The cultural eclecticism of this staging is rich, though perhaps it confuses the social positions of the characters.

However, the actors, right under your nose, have terrific immediacy. Andrew Melville's cowardly sacristan is superbly silly, his cheeks quaking like a flabby puffin. Dave Fishley's black Fuso Negro, some sort of witch-doctor-folk-devil, is fantastically riveting, thrusting his head through an icon and pouting for a kiss.

KATE BASSETT

MARILYN KINGWILL



Linda Marlowe and Andrew Melville in David Farr's gripping production of Ramon del Valle Inclan's *Silverface*, in David Johnston's lively adaptation at the Gate

In his master's voice

A Talent to Amuse
Festival, Chichester

Some time in the last decade of Noël Coward's life, Peter Greenwell became his accompanist for cabaret performances, endearing himself at their first meeting by suggesting he play in E flat. He had done sufficient homework to know that this was the key in which Coward felt happiest.

Greenwell was, and continued to be, a composer — his most recent musical, *The Mitford Girls*, opened at this theatre — but in recent years he has followed in Coward's footsteps and himself become a cabaret performer. After his appearance here last year in *Noël/Cole — Let's Do It*, he gave a solo performance of Coward songs at the Minerva Studio, and returned to Chichester on Sunday to the main house, this time halfway through an autumn tour.

The stage is bare except for the grand piano, centrally placed. Overhead lighting turns the extremities of the stage blue merging into purple, but throws a pink squiggly design around the piano. It looks like an exploding chrysanthemum. Greenwell walks on, very trim in his black and white checked dinner jacket, his eyes already twinkling and his smile mischievous; his head a sort of pink rounded cube beneath a flat roof of silvered hair.

With so many songs to select from — Coward's published lyrics fill a 410-page volume — the problem is always going to be what to include along with the songs that cannot be excluded. An audience will feel aggrieved if it is not given *Mad Dogs and Englishmen*, and no performer would escape lynching if he left out *Mrs Worthington*. Last year I described Greenwell's voice as "port-winey" and some songs may lie outside its range. This would be why *Twentieth Century Blues* is absent; and although he brings a delicate tenderness to *Sail Away*, he lets his fingers do the more famous love songs (*I'll follow my Secret Heart*, *Some Day I'll Find You*) in a non-vocal medley.

Surprisingly, he allows himself only four lines of *If Love Were All*, although one of those lines gives the show its title and the song, rightly or not, is now regarded as an autobiographical statement.

What Greenwell does best of all are songs where he can be absolutely furious — gloriously so with *Mrs Ws* stage-struck little horror — and songs containing lines that allow us to picture erotic, erotic activity. "A boy in a Javanese sarong," he begins, and pretends to be pained when we giggle.

He tells anecdotes, reads a few of Coward's better poems and introduces most songs with something of their context. The bizarre calamities of *Flux is the End of the News* will now seem even funnier for knowing that Joyce Grenfell sang of them while skipping energetically across the front of the stage. After two hours, he sings *The Party's Over*, the chrysanthemum fades around the feet of the Steinway, he bows to us, gives a last roguish smile and is gone.

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Helene warns of one-off charge

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

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Tamure invited to join Japan Cup challenge

BY OUR RACING STAFF

TAMURE, fourth in the Breeders' Cup Turf at Belmont Park on Saturday, has been invited to run in the £1.1m Japan Cup over 1½ miles at Tokyo on November 26. Connections are considering the offer to the John Gosden-trained three-year-old.

Halling was also invited, as was the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner and Turf runner-up, Freedom Cry, but neither will run and are likely to be prepared for the Dubai World Cup next March.

Lando, trained by Heinz Jentzsch in Germany, completes the quartet of original European invitees. However, he suffered a minor injury when finishing twelfth in the Turf, so his owners are not certain to accept.

With two of the four Europeans non-runners, Sunshack, the Coronation Cup and Prix Royal-Oak winner, and Hernando, fifth in the Turf and fourth in this race last year, have already taken the places of Halling and Freedom Cry.

Grant Prichard-Gordon, the racing manager to Khalid Abdulla, has confirmed that Sunshack will take his place in the line-up, but owner Stavros Niarchos has yet to make a decision on Hernando's participation. Should any further places become available, the European reserve list includes Luso, Only Royale, Presenting and Pure Grain.

Mark Johnston arrives in Melbourne tomorrow to supervise Double Trigger's final preparations in his attempt to become the first British-trained runner to land the Melbourne Cup next Tuesday. "The horse is fine and everything seems very well," Johnston said yesterday. "But we said that about Quick Ransom last year and look what happened."

Quick Ransom, now trained in Australia by Lee Freedman and one of Double Trigger's rivals in next week's race, finished 23rd of 24, behind the former Geoff Wragg-trained Jeune a year ago.

However, the British challenge was diminished when My Patriarch, trained by John Dunlop and to have been ridden by Pat Eddery, suffered a recurrence of the suspensory ligament problem which kept him out of the Melbourne Cup last year. He will again miss the race.

The impending close of the turf Flat season signals the time of year when National Hunt's principals begin to reappear. One of them, Travado, a leading two-mile chaser, begins his season by attempting to gain a repeat success in the Plymouth Gin Haldon Gold Challenge Cup at Exeter today. The Nicky Henderson-trained nine-year-old, the winner of the 1994 Arkle Challenge Trophy at the Cheltenham Festival, won here last term, making most of the running to record a comfortable three-length victory over Absalom's Lady.

He will be a short-priced favourite to take a successful first step along on a road bound again for Cheltenham.

Backers will have more to sink their teeth into at Chepstow on Saturday when the Tote Silver Trophy Handicap Hurdle promises a particularly competitive event. However, ground conditions will be the key to which of David Nicholson's three entries tackle the race.

Hebridean, a 16-1 chance with the sponsors, is the outsider of the three Nicholson runners, with Putty Road available at 8-1 and Anzum on 10-1. But the trainer will not make a decision on who represents Jackdaws Castle until nearer the weekend. "It will be down to the ground as to which of them runs," he said.

MARTIN LYNCH



Travado has a fine opportunity to begin his season with a win at Exeter today

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

TOTE CREDIT NOVEMBER HANDICAP
Doncaster, November 4
GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Dato Star	5-1	7-1	7-1	6-1
Whitechapel	7-1	7-1	6-1	8-1
Monarch	6-1	8-1	7-1	8-1
Indigo Time	8-1	8-1	12-1	12-1
Snow Princess	8-1	8-1	9-1	11-1
Foundry Lane	10-1	10-1	10-1	8-1
Rambo's Hall	12-1	16-1	14-1	20-1
Proton	20-1	20-1	12-1	16-1
Naked Welcome	14-1	20-1	14-1	16-1
Beauchamp Jade	20-1	14-1	14-1	25-1
Better Offer	20-1	16-1	16-1	20-1
Caplas	20-1	25-1	16-1	16-1

THE Tote Credit November Handicap at Doncaster on Saturday provides Flat racing enthusiasts with a final real betting opportunity before the winter circuit of all-weather racing sets in.

With doubts over most of the market leaders, there is plenty of value to be found at this stage. Little rain is forecast this week, which would hinder the chances of Dato Star, the consistent Whitechapel is exposed, and Monarch is not certain to run. Added to that there are doubts over the trip for Foundry Lane, who steps back to 1¼ miles, and Rambo's Hall, who is most unlikely to stay. Caplas heads the weights, but he is also entered in a listed race on the same card, and should he withdraw the weights will go up by 15lb. That would give the improving Snow Princess (16lb out of the handicap at the moment) a chance, but she cannot be backed yet at a best-priced 11-1.

Reg Akehurst, renowned for landing the big handicaps, has entered both Proton and Reimei, with strong preference for the former. Proton disappointed in the Autumn Cup at Newbury on his most recent start, but the stable was going through a rare lean spell at the time, and he is better judged on his previous defeat of Castel Water in the "amateur riders' Derby" at Epsom. Third in this race last season, PROTON acts on any ground, and looks one of the each-way bets of the season at 20-1 with Coral, who, along with Ladbrokes, will refund stakes on non-runners.

EXETER

THUNDERER

1.30 Tight Fist. 2.00 Yes Man. 2.30 Peter Monamy. 3.00 Travado. 3.30 Just Rosie. 4.00 Certain Angle. 4.30 Madam's Walk.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 BELL ONE.

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1.30 NORMANS RETAIL NOVICES HURDLE (£2,716: 2m 1f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 F62- AMAZING AIR 402 F Jordan 5-11-0 ... Mr S Blackwell 60
2 422- BELL ONE 292 A Dunn 6-11-0 ... Peter Hobbs 88
3 222/ CASPIAN BELUGA 467F S Knight 7-11-0 ... S Burrough –
4 CRACKING PROSPECT 77F B Millman 4-11-0 ... D Salter (5) –
5 GEISWAY 132F N Walker 5-11-0 ... J Railton –
6 IL SAURO Mrs R Henderson 5-11-0 ... Mr W Henderson –
7 0/0 MAI PEN RAI 19 R Hodges 7-11-0 ... T Dascombe (7) 63
8 62-4 TIGHT FIST 24 Miss H Knight 5-11-0 ... J Tilley 87
9 00- ORCHARD LADY 340 R Alner 5-10-9 ... Sophie Mitchell (5) –
10 05 WHARFEDALE MUSIC 5 M Pipe 4-10-9 ... D Bridgwater 63

5-2 Tight Fist, 3-1 Bell One, 4-1 Geisway, 6-1 Caspian Beluga, 8-1 others.

2.00 CARLSBERG-TETLEY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,067: 2m 3f) (6)

1 25-4 DARING KING 20 M Bolton 5-11-10 ... P Hide 98
2 40P- RED POINT 199 K Bishop 4-11-4 ... M Moran (7) 81
3 F0P- YES MAN 197 Miss H Knight 6-11-3 ... J Tilley 97
4 40P1 LITTLE HOOLIGAN 13 (B,C,F) G Edwards 4-10-9 ... A P McCoy 98
5 P-02 GEORGE LANE 12 F Jordan 7-10-8 ... J Lodder 92
6 0P-5 HIGHTOWN CAVALIER 5 R Hodges 4-10-5 ... T Dascombe (7) 80

9-4 Little Hooligan, 4-1 Daring King, George Lane, 9-2 Yes Man, 6-1 others.

2.30 MARTOCK FREE TRADERS JUVENILE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,994: 2m 1f 110yd) (9)

1 2152 GIGFY 26 (D,F) B Llewellyn 11-5 ... Mr J L Llewellyn 88
2 0 COASTGUARDS HAVEN 19 M Bolton 10-12 ... P Hide –
3 4 LAWBUSTER 10 M Wilkinson 10-12 ... R Supple –
4 LEES PLEASE 32F K Cunningham-Brown 10-12 ... A P McCoy –
5 PETER MONAMY 21F M Pipe 10-12 ... D Bridgwater –
6 BALLYSHEILA 56F (V) G Charles-Jones 10-7 ... W McFarland –
7 P HUSH CROSS 10F S Knight 10-7 ... S Burrough –
8 MAYBE TODAY 48F B Millman 10-7 ... D Salter (5) –
9 R NOBLE BALLERINA 6 A Jarvis 10-7 ... A Maguire –

Evens Peter Monamy, 2-1 Gigfy, 8-1 Noble Ballerina, Lees Please, 12-1 others.

3.00 PLYMOUTH GIN HALDON GOLD CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (Grade II: £15,700: 2m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 2F0- TRAVADO 230 (C,D,F,G,S) N Henderson 9-11-6 ... J Osborne 88
2 /12- GHIA GNEUIAGH 381 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-0 ... D Bridgwater 76
3 283- MEDNAS SWAN SONG 217 (G,S) R Hodges 7-11-0 ... A Tory 66
4 3313 STARLAP 17 (F,G,S) R Buckler 11-11-0 ... B Powell 50
5 -215 WHAT'S IN ORBIT 3 (D,F,G,S) P Nicholls 10-11-0 A P McCoy 74

2-5 Travado, 7-2 Ghia Gneuiagh, 7-1 What's In Orbit, 25-1 Mednas Swan Song, Starlap.

3.30 ST AUSTELL BREWERY MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,807: 2m 3f) (10)

1 410- EVANGELICA 290 (S) M Pipe 5-12-0 ... D Bridgwater 91
2 3432 CHICKABIDDY 19 (CD,BF,F,G) G Edwards 7-10-11 ... M A Fitzgerald 94
3 302F JUST ROSIE 11 (C,F,G) A Jones 6-10-11 ... S McNeill 96
4 50-F TAMERGALE 5 (D,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-9 ... T Jenks 99
5 0-36 DULZURA 3 (BF,G,S) A Jarvis 7-10-9 ... A Maguire 98
6 05-0 PERSISTENT GUNNER 3 (G) R Hodges 5-10-0 ... W McFarland 92
7 3/ RUN FAST FOR GOLD 960 (F) Miss H Knight 8-10-0 J Osborne –
8 43-4 MINSTER'S MADAM 14 (V,S) Mrs L Murphy 4-10-0 W Marston 86
9 00-4 ALACUE 20 R Alner 5-10-0 ... Mr P Henley (7) 70
10 00-2 KOO'S PROMISE 20 C Popham 4-10-0 ... T Dascombe (7) 77

3-1 Evangelica, 7-2 Chickabiddy, 5-1 Just Rosie, Tamergale, 8-1 Dulzura, Minster's Madam, 12-1 others.

4.00 WHITBREAD NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,945: 2m 6f 110yd) (13)

1 3111 POLDEN PRIDE 12 (F) G Balding 7-11-10 ... A P McCoy 95
2 0U-F CERTAIN ANGLE 39 (BF,G,S) P Hobbs 6-11-7 G Tormey (3) –
3 PP-2 MASTER ORCHESTRA 24 Miss H Knight 6-11-5 ... J Tilley 99
4 2214 FENWICK 13 (F,S) R Hodges 8-11-2 ... A Tory 89
5 -341 CELTIC LAIRD 10 (G) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-1 ... W Marston 90
6 4-33 BISHOPS CASTLE 26 (G) R Frost 7-11-0 ... J Frost 80
7 -455 COOL CHARACTER 10 (G) R Buckler 7-10-3 ... B Powell 90
8 55-0 DEVIOSITY 13 (F,G) N Ayliffe 6-10-2 ... R Farrant 97
9 /6-0 SO AUDACIOUS 13 N Gaselee 7-10-0 ... J R Kavanagh –
10 4P-0 MONKS JAY 6 G Thorner 6-10-0 ... J A McCarthy –
11 335- BRORA ROSE 159 (S) P Rodford 7-10-0 ... S Burrough 92
12 /PP- CASTLE ORCHARD 278 P Hayward 11-10-0 ... S Righton (7) –
13 PP-P LAURA'S FLUTTER 13 Mrs P Dutfield 6-10-0 ... P Holley –

2-1 Polden Pride, 5-1 Celtic Laird, Master Orchestra, 6-1 Fenwick, 7-1 Certain Angle, 12-1 Bishops Castle, 16-1 Cool Character, 20-1 others.

4.30 LEVY BOARD MARES ONLY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,329: 2m 1f 110yd) (15)

1 CHESTER'S CHAT M Pipe 6-11-4 ... J Lower –
2 CHOICE BAR P Hobbs 5-11-4 ... Peter Hobbs –
3 COUNTRY CHOICE M Sheppard 5-11-4 ... Mr R Johnson (5) –
4 DEBBIE'S DARLING M Pipe 5-11-4 ... D Bridgwater –
5 MADAM'S WALK N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4 ... S Joynes (7) –
6 MILLIE'S MODEL W G M Turner 6-11-4 ... M Griffiths (7) –
7 PAVLOVA R Rowe 5-11-4 ... D O'Sullivan –
8 TRELAWNEYS DREAM P Nicholls 5-11-4 ... A P McCoy –
9 WATERCOMBE SPIRIT S Stevens 5-11-4 ... Mr T Greed –
10 240 COMEDY HOUR 25 P Murphy 4-11-3 ... E Murphy –
11 MARGERYS GORSE R Buckler 4-11-3 ... Mr G Baines (7) –
12 5 PRESTIGE LADY 24 B Smart 4-11-3 ... M Molloy (7) –
13 OUINAG K Bailey 4-11-3 ... T J Murphy (3) –
14 SUPREME KELLYCARRA J Gifford 4-11-3 ... L Aspell (7) –
15 D VALLINGALE 24 Miss H Knight 4-11-3 ... G Ryan (5) –

3-1 Madam's Walk, 7-1 Chester's Chat, Debbie's Darling, 8-1 Trelawneys Dream, Ouinag, 10-1 Supreme Kellycarra, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss H Knight, 19 winners from 45 runners, 42.2%; M Pipe, 82 from 254, 32.3%; N Henderson, 6 from 20, 30.0%; K Bailey, 8 from 31, 25.8%; R Rowe, 3 from 12, 25.0%; A Dunn, 6 from 25, 24.0%.

JOCKEYS: J A McCarthy, 4 winners from 8 rides, 50.0%; J Lower, 12 from 30, 40.0%; J Osborne, 26 from 83, 31.7%; J Tilley, 3 from 11, 27.3%; Peter Hobbs, 17 from 89, 19.1%.

Panthers race to dominant cup lead

BY A CORRESPONDENT

NOTTINGHAM Panthers took such a commanding lead in the first leg of their Benson and Hedges Cup ice hockey semi-final away to Humberside Hawks that the outcome of the second leg next Sunday appears academic. Nottingham were ahead 3-0 by the fourteenth minute and went on to win 9-3.

In the premier division, Slough Jets came close to bringing off a surprise when they led Cardiff Devils 3-2 with five minutes remaining. Ivan Matulik levelled the score, however, and Randy Smith scored two late goals to secure the victory that keeps Cardiff top.

Sheffield Steelers moved into second place with a 9-2 home win against Basingstoke Bison. Sheffield are the only unbeaten team in the premier division and are one point behind Cardiff with two games in hand. Three teams are a further point away, Nottingham, Basingstoke and Durham Wasps, who humiliated Newcastle Warriors 12-1.

Milton Keynes Kings are becoming the premier division's draw specialists, having shared the points for the third time in a 3-3 home draw with Fife Flyers.

Manchester Storm continued their relentless progress up the division one table with two impressive victories in Scotland, 6-3 against Dumfries Border Vikings and 6-4 against Paisley Pirates.

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FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
* denotes all-ticket match

Uefa Cup
Second round, second leg
Bayern Munich (2) v Raith (0) (7.0)
Liverpool (0) v Brondby (0) (8.0)
Nottm Forest (1) v Auxerre (0) (7.45)
PSV Eindhoven (5) v Leeds (3)

Endsleigh Insurance League
Second division
Blackpool v Bristol Rovers
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Bradford v Walsall (7.45)
Brighton v Swansea (7.45)
Bristol City v Chesterfield (7.45)
Crewe v Hull
Peterborough v Burnley (7.45)
Shrewsbury v Oxford Utd
Stockport v Rotherham
Wrexham v Carlisle
Wycombe v York (7.45)

Third division
Cardiff v Scunthorpe
Darlington v Wigan
Exeter v Gillingham (7.45)
Fulham v Colchester (7.45)
Hartlepool v Barnet
Leyton Orient v Hereford (7.45)
Northampton v Preston (7.45)
Rochdale v Chester
Scarborough v Plymouth
Torquay v Bury (7.45)

Vauxhall Conference
Dover v Dagenham and Red (7.45)
Northwich v Southport (7.45)
Slough v Farnborough (7.45)
Stalybridge v Macclesfield (7.45)
Welling v Bath (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League
First division
Dundee Utd v Clydebank

Second division
Stenhousemuir v Berwick

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: First round, second leg: Ashford (3) v Tonbridge AFC (5), Baldock (2) v Bury Town (0), Bedworth (0) v Hinckley Town (1), Braintree (0) v Buckingham Town (1), Bridgnorth (2) v Stafford (0); Evesham (0) v Redditch (0), Clevedon (1) v Forest Green (2); Erith and Belvedere (0) v Fisher 93 (4), Gresley (2) v Burton (0); Hastings (1) v Crawley (1); Havant (0) v Dorchester (1), Ilkeston (3) v Grantham (0); Margate (3) v Sittingbourne (1), Moor Green (4) v RC Warwick (1), Newport IoW (1) v Waterlooville (0); Nuneaton (4) v VS Rugby (2), Rothwell (2) v Corby (2), Sudbury (1) v Cambridge City (1), Sutton Coldfield (0) v Bilston (3), Tamworth (3) v Atherstone (4). ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Kingstonian v Hayes. First division: Uxbridge v Maidenhead United. Second division: Hungerford v Metropolitan Police. Carlton Trophy: First round: Aveley v Harlow, Bracknell v Horsham, Hertford v East Thurrock, Southall v Saffron Walden, Wingate and Finchley v Harefield, Witham v Clapton; Wivenhoe v Hornchurch. UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Gainsborough v Hyde. First division: Curzon Ashton v Atherton LR, Eastwood Town v Harrogate Town, Lancaster v Fleetwood; Radcliffe v Ashton United. Cup: Second round replays: Frickley v Bradford Park Avenue, Marine v Chorley. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Utd v Derby (7.0). West Bromwich v Birmingham (7.0). Second division: Sunderland v Barnsley (7.0). LEAGUE OF WALES: Holywell v Caersws. COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Farnham v Sandhurst; Godalming and Guildford v DCA Basingstoke, Merstham v Cranleigh, Raynes Park Vale v Westfield, Viking Sports v Hartley Wintney. MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: O'Brien/McKenzie Butchers Cup: Second round: Harpenden v Dunstable, Milton Keynes v Hatfield, Toddington v Letchworth Garden, Welwyn Garden v Biggleswade. INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Rocester v Bolehall Swifts; Sandwell v Kynpersley V; Stratford v Rushall Olympic. NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough v Skelmersdale, Maine Road v Prescot, Newcastle Town v Darwen, Trafford v Blackpool Rovers. JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Lymington v Petersfield, Andover v Totton, Ryde Sports v Aerostructures, Thatcham v Bournemouth, Wimborne v Downton. UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel v Whitehawk, Langney Sports v Peacehaven and Telscombe, Pagham v Wick, Portfield v Horsham YMCA, Ringmer v Shoreham. HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Desborough v Eynesbury, Mirrlees Blackstone v Holbeach, Spalding v Boston, Wellingborough v Long Buckby. NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold v Ossett Albion, Ossett Town v North Ferriby, Thackley v Armthorpe Welfare. WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Sheppey v Deal.

RUGBY UNION

European Cup
Pool A
Farul Constanta (Rom) v Toulouse (1.0)

CLUB MATCHES: Cross Keys v Ebbw Vale (7.0), Northampton v Oxford University (7.30), Wasps v Cambridge University (7.30), Maesteg v Cwmavon (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European Cup: Third round, second leg: Ostend (Bel) (71) v Sheffield (58) (8.0).
HOCKEY: Women's international: Great Britain v Russia (Bisham Abbey).
TENNIS: Guardian Direct National Championships (Telford).

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HARAYIR, scratched from the Breeders' Cup Mile after injuring her near-hind tendon sheath, is due back in Britain today. The Dick Hern-trained 1,000 Guineas winner is still in quarantine, awaiting clearance to fly from New York.

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DRAW	LIVERPOOL	4/1
DRAW	DRAW	13/2
DRAW	BRONDBY	16/1
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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newcastle

Going: good to firm

1.30 (7f) 1, NORTHERN SPARK (G Duffield, 12-1); 2, Mbulwa (Martin Dwyer, 9-4 fav); 3, Mattesa (K Fallon, 8-1); 4, Thwaab (M Fenton, 18-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Dr Caligari (5th), 12 Dante's Rubicon, 14 Blow Dry, 16 Best Kept Secret, Boost (6th), High Holme, King Of Show, Move Smartly, Saint Amigo, 25 Moofaji, Peaceful Reply, 33 Aquiletta, 50 La Dama, Natural Path, Semi Serious, Sheroot. 20 ran. 1¼l, 2½l, ½l, hd, ¾l. Miss L Perratt at Ayr. Tote: £10.00; £2.00, £1.10, £1.90, £6.60. DF: £25.30. Trio: £33.00. CSF: £40.12. Tricast: £230.03. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

2.00 (6f) 1, PIVOTAL (G Duffield, 2-1); 2, Domak Amaam (L Dettori, 2-1); 3, Mansab (W Carson, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 20 Answers-To-Thomas (5th), 25 Highfield Pet, 33 Chamber Music, Gilling Dancer (4th), Lapu-Lapu, 50 Insideout, Manoy, Midnight Cookie (6th), 100 Sallykissangel. 12 ran. 2½l, 5l, 3½l, nk, ¾l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £6.20. Trio: £1.20. CSF: £6.66.

2.30 (7f) 1, SHEMOZZLE (L Dettori, 15-8 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Abir (G Carter, 5-2); 3, Arcady (K Darley, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 River Divine, 14 Dara (5th), 33 Gildoran Sound, 40 Hatfield, 50 Blossom Deane, Champagne Warrior, Radmore Brandy, Sing And Dance, Sis Garden (4th), The Fullbangladesh (6th), 66 Florrie'm. 14 ran. NR: Veronica Franco. 1¼l, 2l, 5l, 2½l, 1¼l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.60, £1.60, £1.90. DF: £4.30. Trio: £10.00. CSF: £7.03.

3.00 (5f) 1, LEADING PRINCESS (P Fessey, 12-1); 2, Jucea (K Fallon, 6-1); 3, Domicksky (P P Murphy, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Lady Sheriff (4th), 6 Followmegirls (5th), 9 Princess Sadie, 12 Metal Boys, 16 Encore M'Lady, Serious Fact, Shadow Jury (6th), 20 Ashtina, 25 Bajan Frontier, 33 Another Nightmare, Six For Luck. 14 ran. 1½l, nk, hd, ¾l, hd. Miss L Perratt at Ayr. Tote: £21.00; £4.50, £2.30, £1.50. DF: £62.20. Trio: £91.80. CSF: £80.09. Tricast: £474.03.

3.30 (7f) 1, QUALITY (Emma O'Gorman, 8-2 jt-fav); 2, Oblomov (K Darley, 9-2 jt-fav); 3, Taaliya (W Carson, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Bee Health Boy, Standown, 13-2 Society Girl (6th), 8 Eric's Bett (5th), Termon (4th). 8 ran. 3l, 2½l, ½l, nk, 3½l. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. Tote: £5.30; £1.90, £2.40, £1.80. DF: £14.50. CSF: £24.81. Tricast: £114.10.

4.00 (6f) 1, DOUBLE SPLENDOUR (G Hind, 5-2 fav); 2, Stuffed (L Dettori, 13-2); 3, Slivovitz (Amanda Sanders, 10-1); 4, Stand Tall (D McKeown, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Captain Carat, 12 Kira (6th), Mister Westsound, 14 Birchwood Sun, Hi Rock (5th), 16 Always Grace, Giggleswick Girl, 20 Craigie Boy, Densben, Murray's Mazda, Petraco, 25 Sir Tasker, The Fed, 33 Diet, Fallal, 50 Light Movement. 20 ran. Nk, ¾l, 1l, 1¾l, ½l. P Felgate at Usburn. Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £2.20, £3.20, £6.60. DF: £9.50. Trio: £181.50. CSF: £21.48. Tricast: £148.89.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £24,386.46 carried forward to Redcar today).

Placepot: £39.00. Quadpot: £26.90.

Plumpton

Going: good to firm, firm in places

1.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Royal Thimble (Mr R Johnson, 5-1); 2, Mister O'Grady (3-1); 3, Amber Valley (2-1 fav). 19 ran. 10l, 12l. N Chance. Tote: £7.20; £1.30, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £11.70. Trio: £5.50. CSF: £24.81.

2.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Donttdressfordinner (T Dascombe, 14-1); 2, Sharp Gazelle (5-2); 3, Assembly Dancer (50-1). Lord Glenvara 7-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Courage-Mon-Brave. 11l, 6l. C Popham. Tote: £7.30; £1.30, £1.60, £59.10. DF: £24.80. Trio: £301.20 (part won; pool of £84.87 carried forward to 3.15 at Redcar today). CSF: £47.19. Tricast: £1,600.02.

2.45 (3m 5f ch) 1, Paper Star (B Powell, 7-2); 2, The Whip (3-1); 3, Oh So Handy (12-1). Hawaiian Youth 6-4 fav. 6 ran. 1½l, 8l. M Muggeridge. Tote: £4.90; £2.00, £1.80. DF: £5.10. CSF: £12.91.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Call Me Albi (A P McCoy, 1-2 fav); 2, Dunlir (6-1); 3, Bayford Prince (7-2). 4 ran. 2½l, 20l. G L Moore. Tote: £1.40. DF: £3.50. CSF: £3.63.

3.45 (2m ch) 1, Wave Hill (M Richards, 7-4); 2, Dear Do (6-4 fav); 3, Dawn Chance (20-1). 5 ran. NR: Elsdon, Starlap. ½l, 2l. P Hedger. Tote: £2.60; £1.70, £1.40. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.34.

4.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Dusty Point (V Smith, 6-5 fav); 2, Ourshan (15-8); 3, Sharp Black (15-2). 6 ran. 4l, 20l. C Dwyer. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £1.80. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.41.

Placepot: £8.80. Quadpot: £1.90.

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THUNDERER

1.45 HIGHBORN (nap)
2.15 Magic Mill
2.45 Dancing Destiny
3.15 Guesstimation
3.45 Kenilworth Dancer
4.15 Don't Worry Me

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Kalamata.
3.15 GUESSTIMATION (nap). 3.45 Jerry Cutrona.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if Flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH BEST SIS

1.45 OAK LIMITED STAKES (£3,789: 6f) (11 runners)

101 (2) 240104 ANZIO 14 (D,F,G,S) (R Gray) B Pearce 4-9-6 ... T Ives 80
102 (5) 210002 KING RAT 7 (B,C,D,F,G) (P Daniels) T Etherington 4-9-6 ... C Rutter 88
103 (10) 001000 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 14 (D,F,G,S) (Grandy Girls) M Channon 5-9-4 P P Murphy (5) 91
104 (9) 650000 FRENCH GRIT 24 (C,D,F) (C Michael Wilson) M Dods 3-9-1 ... D McKeown 90
105 (7) 012000 TILER 31 (D,F,S) (Mrs C Robinson) M Johnston 3-9-1 ... J Reid 93
106 (4) 604400 CALL ME I'M BLUE 10 (CD,G,S) (Harsh (Topping Gears)) N Tinkler 5-9-0 Kim Tinkler 98
107 (3) 050032 HIGHBORN 24 (D,F,G) (Yorkshire Club Owners Group 1990) P Felgate 5-9-0 K Darley 99
108 (6) 405504 PALACEGATE TOUCH 34 (B,D,G,S) (Palacegate Corp Ltd) J Berry 5-9-0 J Carroll 91
109 (11) 536-R00 SEIGNEURIAL 10 (G) (The PBT Group) G Harwood 3-8-12 ... A Clark 89
110 (1) 03-615 AWAYIL 49 (D,F) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-10 ... G Carter 91
111 (8) 000050 DAUNTLESS FORT 107 (D,G) (I Harris) Mrs V Aconley 4-8-9 ... M Deering 50

BETTING: 3-1 Highborn, 7-2 Awayil, 6-1 Palacegate Touch, 8-1 French Grit, King Rat, Tiler, 10-1 Anzio, Call Me I'm Blue, Champagne Grandy, 16-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

ANZIO about 1¼l 4th of 20 to Baran Rose in handicap at Chepstow (6f, soft) with CHAMPAGNE GRANDY (10lb better off) 2l 7th. KING RAT ½l 2nd of 15 to Dallling in handicap here (7f, firm). FRENCH GRIT 9l 14th of 23 to Comanche Companion in handicap at York (7f, good) with KING RAT (8lb worse off) 5l 19th. HIGHBORN head 2nd of 23 to Double Bounce in handicap at York (6f, good) with CHAMPAGNE GRANDY (1lb worse off) about 7l 9th. PALACEGATE TOUCH 6½l 4th of 5 to Takadou in conditions race at Newcastle (5f, good). SEIGNEURIAL 3l 8th of 10 to Croft Pool in handicap at Doncaster (5f, good to firm) with CALL ME I'M BLUE (1lb worse off) ½l 9th. AWAYIL about 2¼l 5th of 18 to Be Warned in handicap at Yarmouth (6f, good) with HIGHBORN (2lb worse off) about 4¼l 8th.
Selection: AWAYIL

2.15 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND BIRCH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,042: 7f) (9 runners)

201 (8) 62 APACHE LEN 8 (R Tasaro) R Hannon 9-0 ... J Reid 99
202 (4) 6 DOCTOR BRAVIOUS 30 (L Gaucci) M Bell 9-0 ... M Fenton 92
203 (2) 3 MAGIC MILL 34 (A Scott) F O'Mahony 9-0 ... S D Williams 89
204 (3) 0 MARSAYAS 48 (M Gleeson) M Camacho 9-0 ... L Charnock –
205 (6) 00 NORTHERN MOTTO 30 (Mrs A Iles) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ... K Fallon 84
206 (5) 4 CLASSIC BEAUTY 18 (Classic Bloodstock Plc) S Williams 8-9 ... A Mackay 88
207 (8) GREEN GEM (P Madeleni) S Williams 8-9 ... K Darley –
208 (1) 0 PATRIO 8 (T Ford) M Johnston 8-9 ... T Williams 94
209 (7) 50 STRATEGIC PLOY 19 (Mrs H Carr) Mrs J Ramsden 8-9 ... S Sanders 82

BETTING: 9-4 Apache Len, 7-2 Magic Mill, 5-1 Doctor Bravious, 6-1 Classic Beauty, 8-1 Northern Motto, Strategic Ploy, 10-1 Patrio, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

APACHE LEN 2l 2nd of 11 to Dance Do A Cloud in maiden at Leicester (7f, firm). DOCTOR BRAVIOUS 7l 6th of 14 to Carburton in Haydock maiden (7f, soft) with NORTHERN MOTTO 4l 7th. MAGIC MILL 5¼l 3rd of 11 to Insatiable in Newcastle maiden (7f, good) with STRATEGIC PLOY 5l and neck 5th. CLASSIC BEAUTY about 4½l 4th of 11 to Singing Patriarch in Catterick maiden (6f, good to firm). GREEN GEM (foaled Mar 29): Half-sister by Pharly to three winners including dual juvenile 6f winner Bassio, later a minor 1m 2f winner and also Greenback, 1m winner and useful hurdler, dam multiple winner in Belgium and placed in group II company. PATRIO 8l 10th of 18 to Wildwood Flower in Leicester maiden (6f, firm).
Selection: APACHE LEN

2.45 SYCAMORE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,971: 1m 3f) (7 runners)

301 (2) 314260 VAUGRENIER 14 (F) (I Tungdent) R Hannon 9-7 ... J Reid 94
302 (1) 321234 EUROLINK MISCHIEF 32 (B,BF,F) (Eurolink Group Plc) L Cumani 9-6 K Darley 98
303 (4) 123020 HAND WOVEN 33 (F) (Mrs M Haggas) W Haggas 9-5 ... J Carroll 97
304 (6) 608122 CONTRAFIRE 47 (D,F,G) (Miss V Jarvis) W Jarvis 9-1 ... S Sanders 98
305 (5) 522 KALAMATA 18 (BF) (B Farr) A Stewart 8-10 ... S Whitworth 90
306 (7) 022000 DANCING DESTINY 15 (Mrs P Bastiman) R Bastiman 7-12 ... L Charnock 99
307 (3) 042215 TRUMBLE 45 (G) (B Pocock) C Thornton 7-7 ... P Fessey (5) 90

Long handicap: Trumble 7-5

BETTING: 2-1 Eurolink Mischief, 3-1 Contrafire, 5-1 Vaugrenier, Kalamata, 6-1 Hand Woven, 12-1 Dancing Destiny, 16-1 Trumble.

FORM FOCUS

VAUGRENIER best recent effort ½l 2nd of 4 to High Flying Adored in handicap at Epsom (1m 4f, good to firm). EUROLINK MISCHIEF about 3l 4th of 9 to Meghdoot in handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good). HAND WOVEN 2l 2nd of 15 to Ashover in handicap at Beverley (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start. CONTRAFIRE 1¼l 2nd of 14 to Keep Your Distance in limited handicap at Ayr (1m 3f, good). KALAMATA 2½l 2nd of 5 to Anjou in apprentice jockeys' maiden at Catterick (1m 4f, good to firm). DANCING DESTINY 13l 13th of 17 to Our Main Man in handicap at Pontefract (1m 2f, firm). TRUMBLE beat Fearless Wonder 1¼l in 7-runner seller at Newcastle (1m 4f 93yd, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: VAUGRENIER

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Exeter: 2.30 Ballysheila. Redcar: 2.45 Eurolink Mischief, 3.45 Cerise, Tarry

3.15 POPLAR HANDICAP (£3,712: 1m 2f) (17 runners)

401 (7) 0-21330 COUREUR 24 (F,G) (R Gibbons) J Betnell 6-10-0 ... T Ives 99
402 (1) 241504 GUESSTIMATION 7 (D,F,G,S) (Quintet Partnership) J Pearce 6-9-13 S Drowne (3) 98
403 (8) 204000 FAIRY KNIGHT 12 (D,F) (P & S Lever Partners) R Hannon 3-9-12 ... J Reid 97
404 (15) 602608 UNPREJUDICE 15 (F) (BDL Partners) M Hammond 4-9-11 ... M Tebbutt 94
405 (17) 06-0606 ERZIA 7 (C,D,F,S) (Mrs H Catzin) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-10 ... S Copp (7) 90
406 (10) 4-45100 HIMALAYAN BLUE 184 (D,G) (Miss C Fagerstrom) J Banks 3-9-8 ... J Quinn 90
407 (3) 00-4400 IMLAK 21 (J David Abell) J L Harris 3-9-6 ... J F Egan 88
408 (9) 005100 RAFTER-J 8 (G,S) (W Meah) J A Harris 4-9-6 ... K Fallon 89
409 (13) 612250 ESSAYEFFSEE 15 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs S Murray) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-4 ... K Darley 91
410 (5) 424600 LARN FORT 17 (V,D,F,G,S) (A Development Products) C Fairhurst 5-9-3 L Charnock 93
411 (5) 026000 CAERLE LAD 26 (W Swiers) D Nicholls 4-9-3 ... Alex Greaves 97
412 (2) 223000 NORTHERN TROVE 11 (Cadiz Ltd) Ronald Thompson 3-9-0 ... T Williams 96
413 (16) 051056 BOBANLYN 7 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Walker) D Morris 3-8-12 ... S Maloney 99
414 (14) 101050 PINE ESSENCE 15 (CD,F) (K Meynell) J Eyre 4-8-10 ... R Lappin 96
415 (12) 000-000 WAHEM 277 (F) (C Britain) C Britain 5-7-11 ... M Henry (5) –
416 (11) 100062 HUNZA STORY 7 (D,F) (M Moule) N Littmoden 3-7-11 ... C Adamson (5) 96
417 (4) 320364 BARDIA 7 (D,F) (E Incisa) E Incisa 5-7-9 ... Kim Tinkler 95

BETTING: 5-1 Unprejudice, 7-1 Guesstimation, 8-1 Coureur, Fairy Knight, Essayeffsee, 10-1 Erzia, 12-1 Bobanlyn, Caerle Lad, 14-1 Pine Essence, 16-1 Bardia, Hunza Story, Northern Trove, 20-1 others.

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COUREUR 1l and neck 3rd of 10 to Murphy's Gold in handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. GUESSTIMATION about 2¾l 4th of 14 to Royal Bid in handicap at Leicester (1m 2f, firm). FAIRY KNIGHT 5l 7th of 20 to Samba Sharply in handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). UNPREJUDICE 1¼l and head 3rd of 17 to Our Main Man in handicap at Pontefract (1m 2f, firm) with ESSAYEFFSEE (1lb better off) 5¾l 7th and PINE ESSENCE (4lb better off) 9l 14th. ERZIA about 7½l 6th of 9 to Another Time in conditions race over course and distance (firm). HIMALAYAN BLUE best effort beat Elfin Laughter ½l in 14-runner handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, good) with IMLAK (3lb better off) neck and ½l 4th. RAFTER-J best recent effort beat Once More For Luck neck in 13-runner claimer at Pontefract (1m, good).
Selection: GUESSTIMATION

3.45 BEECH NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,667: 1m) (16 runners)

501 (14) 002042 DAUNTING DESTINY 8 (Gold Buster Syndicate) R Hannon 9-7 Dane O'Neill (5) 91
502 (4) 6004 PHANTOM HAZE 11 (Mrs J Hodgson) Miss S Hall 8-12 ... M Birch 89
503 (1) 04003 JERRY CUTRONA 13 (M Hill) N Callaghan 8-9 ... J F Egan 99
504 (3) 0600 INFLUENCE PEDLER 12 (C Britain) C Britain 8-9 ... J Quinn 93
505 (15) 12450 JIMJAREER 28 (G) (J Hacking) J Wilson 8-9 ... S D Williams 97
506 (6) 43602 LA FINALE 34 (I Armitage) M H Easterby 8-9 ... K Fallon 86
507 (8) 016002 TARRY 15 (V,F) (Mrs C Lester) C Williams 8-7 ... G Carter 95
508 (9) 600 KENILWORTH DANCER 11 (G Fawdon) Mrs M Reveley 8-4 ... K Darley –
509 (13) 000 TABLETS OF STONE 12 (A Collins) J Bosley 8-2 ... C Rutter –
510 (10) 003500 AZTEC FLYER 15 (R Meredith) Mrs M Reveley 8-2 ... Dale Gibson 98
511 (12) 036005 LAWNSWOOD CAPTAIN 15 (A Hill) R Hollinshead 8-0 ... F Lynch (7) 93
512 (7) 036500 LA FANDANGO 19 (Sherif Racing) M W Easterby 8-0 ... S Maloney 97
513 (11) 000 DOUBLE CHECK 12 (R Huggins) M Johnston 7-13 ... T Williams –
514 (2) 640400 CERISE 27 (B) (Russel Bradley & Partners) W Elsey 7-11 ... P Fessey (5) 93
515 (5) 0000 NO MORE HASSLE 19 (No Hassle Partnership) Mrs M Reveley 7-7 L Charnock 96
516 (16) 400 AUTOFYR 28 (D Dunbar) J Wainwright 7-7 ... N Kennedy 87

Long handicap: Autofyr 7-5

BETTING: 9-2 Daunting Destiny, 5-1 La Finale, 6-1 Jerry Cutrona, Tarry, 7-1 Kenilworth Dancer, 8-1 Phantom Haze, 12-1 Jimjareer, 14-1 Double Check, Influence Pedler, La Fandango, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

DAUNTING DESTINY 1l 2nd of 12 to Worldwide Elsie in nursery at Leicester (7f, firm). PHANTOM HAZE about 2l 4th of 10 to Crystal Falls in nursery at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). JERRY CUTRONA neck and 1½l 3rd of 19 to Nosey Native in nursery at Yarmouth (1m, good to firm). JIMJAREER about 4l 5th of 19 to Stately in nursery at Catterick (7f, good). LA FINALE 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Bold Enough in maiden at Newcastle (7f, good). TARRY 1½l 2nd of 18 to Ancestral Jane in nursery at Pontefract (1m, firm) with LAWNSWOOD CAPTAIN (9lb better off) 7¾l 5th and AZTEC FLYER (8lb better off) 9¼l 13th.
Selection: DAUNTING DESTINY (nap)

4.15 ASH CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,384: 5f) (4 runners)

601 (1) 105100 BUNTY BOO 12 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Mavell) R Hannon 6-9-7 ... Dane O'Neill (5) 99
602 (3) 350040 LAGO DI VARANO 24 (B,D,G,S) (N Jackson) J Berry 3-9-3 ... J Carroll 88
603 (4) 520106 DON'T WORRY ME 17 (CD,F) (M Cawney) F Lee 3-8-13 ... K Darley 84
604 (2) 282110 PORTELET 38 (D,F,G) (Lord Matthews) R Guest 3-8-8 ... G Duffield 77

BETTING: 4-5 Bunty Boo, 11-4 Don't Worry Me, 6-1 Lago Di Varano, Portelet.

FORM FOCUS

BUNTY BOO best recent effort beat Petite Fantasy 1l in group III Arthur Guinness Flying Five at Leopardstown (5f, good to firm). LAGO DI VARANO 8½l 9th of 24 to Coastal Bluff in handicap at Ascot (5f, soft). DON'T WORRY ME about ½l 5th of 12 to Croft Pool in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). Previously 9¾l 8th of 9 to Eveningperformance in listed race at Doncaster (5f, good to firm) with LAGO DI VARANO (1lb better off) 1½l 9th. PORTELET beat Stolen Kiss 2½l in handicap at Ayr (5f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: BUNTY BOO

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Hannon	8	33	24.2	J Reid	8	21	38.1
W Jarvis	6	25	24.0	K Darley	63	301	20.9
H Thomson Jones	9	40	22.5	G Duffield	20	116	17.2
M Bell	9	42	21.4	M Tebbutt	7	46	15.2
J L Harris	5	26	19.2	G Carter	8	64	12.5
G Harwood	3	16	18.8	S D Williams	5	40	12.5

Dettori rides winner on return

FRANKIE DETTORI, back in action in Britain for the first time in 17 days after serving a suspension and riding abroad, guided his third mount, Shemozzle, to victory in the Alnwick Maiden Fillies' Stakes at Newcastle yesterday. It was his 211th success of the year. By coincidence, Dettori's last winner in this country was on the same horse at Newmarket on October 13. The champion jockey had earlier looked likely to win on the John Gosden-trained Domak Amaam in the Amble Maiden Stakes, but the combination were unable to cope with the finishing burst of the George Duffield-ridden Pivotal.

Montgomerie's tour de force



In a year of Ryder Cup glory, one man dominated European golf. **John Hopkins** reflects on 1995

HE HAD had a marvellous year and he was entitled to feel pleased with himself, particularly given the mental fortitude he had shown. "It was one thing to have won in 1995," he said, stretching himself like a cat and yawning in the sunshine of southern Spain last Saturday afternoon.

"To have won in Ryder Cup year when everyone is chasing points is tough. All the hard work paid off, all the sacrifices I made were worth it. I can't say how proud I am of myself."

That the speaker was Peter Teravainen, who finished 27th on the European Order of Merit with unprecedented winnings of £160,000, and not Colin Montgomerie, who topped the table for the third time and whose earnings in Europe came to more than five times as much, illustrates that, for the players who travel on the caravanserai that is the PGA European Tour, there

Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer have pulled out of the Alfred Dunhill Masters championship, starting in Jakarta on Thursday, because of "family commitments", the organisers said yesterday. Ian Woosnam now leads the British challenge.

are now almost as many triumphs as there are competitors.

And for Teravainen, who won his first and only tournament in 14 years on tour, 1995 was every bit as memorable as it was for Montgomerie, who extended his remarkable run of never having gone backwards in the Order of Merit since he turned professional in 1987.

If the 1995 season, which ended on Sunday afternoon, was a play, then Montgomerie took the lead part. From the time that he finished second to Fred Couples in Dubai in mid-January to the time that he came second to Alexander Cejka in Valderrama in mid-October, nine months, 75,000 miles and nearly 40 tournaments later, Montgomerie's was the dominating presence.

A couple of years ago, Dave Marr, the astute American commentator on BBC television, said he thought that Montgomerie should be "licking his chops at the thought of the coming years". How right he was. Montgomerie's ascent has been rapid and purposeful and you get an idea of how good he has become when you realise that he lost two of the past eight major championships only in extra holes.

Alongside him often this year has been a short, curly-haired man with an accent as distinctive as Yorkshire pudding. On Thursday last week, Bill Ferguson, formerly the professional at Ilkley and Montgomerie's only coach, was standing watching his protégé hit one arrow-straight shot after another and contemplating the prospects of Montgomerie's greatest rival.

"Yes," he said, agreeing with Montgomerie. "The pressure's on Sam. He wants to win the Order of Merit so much and it's probably his last chance. You're going to win it many more times before you stop." On the rare occasions when Montgomerie's finely-honed game was not at its sharpest, Ferguson had the explanation: "It were just one of them days."

Montgomerie's tussle with Torrance added an unusual and fulfilling piquancy to the season. One week Torrance led and it was possible that all the wonderful things that happened to him in 1995, starting with his marriage and including victory in both the Ryder and Dunhill Cups, would be capped by his winning the Order of Merit, something he had never done before.

Then Montgomerie would wrest the lead back from his countryman only for Torrance to regain it once more. Torrance's 68 on Sunday was one of the rounds of the year, played under intense pressure. Otherwise the day was one of the few that did not go entirely his way in 1995.

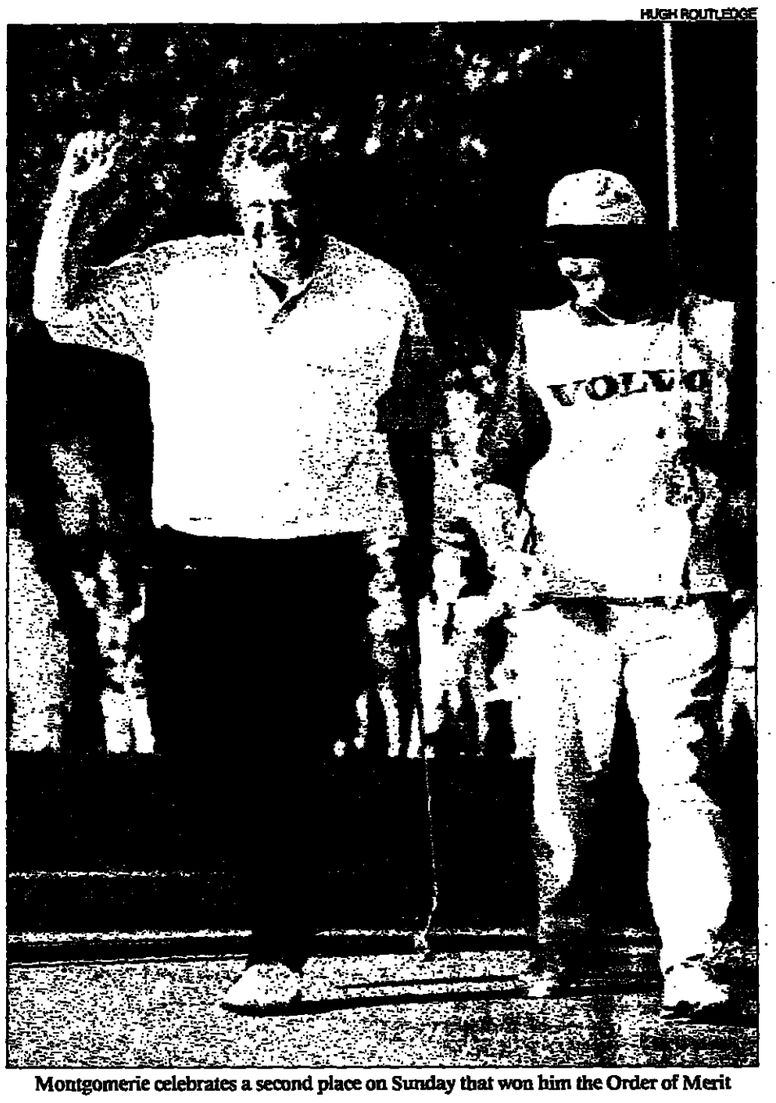
First he sat himself in front of a television set and watched intently as Montgomerie played even more courageously and completed the last eight holes at the hardest course in Europe in one under par, knowing that that was what was required to win. Then, as Torrance was pushing a heavily-laden trolley around Gatwick airport later that night, he revealed that he had lost his house keys.

Earlier this year, Ken Schofield, the £140,000 a year executive director of the PGA European Tour, came in for some criticism about certain aspects of the organisation he headed. For months, Schofield adopted an air of *froideur* that did not disappear until the Ryder Cup was won so thrillingly last month and it appeared that there was not so much wrong with the tour as had been suggested.

"To be honest, we needed a boost," Nick Faldo said in the aftermath of victory at Oak Hill. "Our tour has had a lot of negative publicity. Winning it [the Ryder Cup] transformed us in 1985 and 1987. It gave us a boost for the next five years."

This time it will have done more than just give the tour a boost, attracted new sponsors and generated much-needed money. It should do wonders for the composure of lesser players at home, men like Andrew Coltart, who announced himself so emphatically in the Dunhill Cup, and Cjeka, who won three events.

These men, 25 and 24 respectively, are the advance guard of the next generation and, in time, will be joined by other players who have come through lured by the money, the publicity and the hullabaloo that was generated by the Ryder Cup. As they say in other circles: "Let the good times roll."



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Montgomerie celebrates a second place on Sunday that won him the Order of Merit

LEADING MONEY WINNERS

Psn	Player (country)	Money	Events
1	C Montgomerie (Scot)	£835,051.40	20
2	S Torrance (Scot)	£755,706.28	26
3	B Langer (Ger)	£656,854.17	15
4	C Rocca (It)	£516,320.29	24
5	M Campbell (NZ)	£400,977.33	27
6	A Cejka (Ger)	£308,114.89	23
7	M James (Eng)	£297,377.64	26
8	B Lane (Eng)	£284,406.13	24
9	A Forsbrand (Swe)	£281,726.17	20
10	P O'Malley (Aus)	£260,726.67	21
11	W Riley (Aus)	£256,932.43	27
12	H Clark (Eng)	£242,068.88	21
13	P Walton (Ire)	£234,106.39	24
14	D Clarke (N Ire)	£226,175.42	27
15	D Gilford (Eng)	£220,048.83	23
16	J Rivero (Sp)	£209,238.20	21
17	J Parnevik (Swe)	£207,254.11	8
18	P Broadhurst (Eng)	£200,542.66	30
19	P-U Johansson (Swe)	£188,859.17	21
20*	F Nobilo (NZ)	£185,831.33	18

Lowest round: 61 (-11): A Cejka (Austrian Open); R Claydon (German Masters). Lowest four-round total: 264 (-24): A Forsbrand (German Masters). Halfway cut: Lowest: 140 (-2): German Open, 142 (-2): German Masters. Highest: 150 (+6): Catalan Open, French Open. Most wins: 3: S Torrance, B Langer, Cejka. Best stroke average: 69.69: C Montgomerie. Most birdies: 388: Torrance. Most under par: -146: Montgomerie. First wins: F Couples (Dubai), S Luna (Madeira), J Sandelin (Canaries); R Karlsson (Mediterranean), Cejka (Andalucian), A Hunter (Portuguese); A Bossert (Cannes), W Riley (Scottish), J Daly (Open); S Hoch (Dutch), P Teravainen (Czech), M Gronberg (European Masters).

Mayfair's assets built on wealth of talent

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BILLY MAYFAIR enjoyed the biggest pay-day of his career when he won the US PGA Tour Championship at the Southern Hills course in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Sunday.

Mayfair earned $540,000 (about £344,000) for his three-stroke victory after a final round of 73, three over par. It left him on level par for the tournament, ahead of Corey Pavin, the US Open winner, and Steve Elkington, the US PGA champion, who were joint second with a total of 283. Scott Simpson had the only sub-par round of the day — a one-under 69 — and finished on four over.

It was the third victory of Mayfair's career and the second of the season, taking his earnings for the year to $1.54 million.

"I'm 29 years old, I've been on the tour for seven years and it's about my time," Mayfair said. "I feel my career is right on schedule. Being among the top players is right where I want to be."

Mayfair, who led by three strokes after the third round, was one of two golfers who collected more than one sub-par round. There were only 14 rounds below 70 during the tournament as strong winds kept scores high.

"I can't remember ever playing a course that played this hard," Pavin said. "It was really tough." Mayfair had only one birdie on Sunday, sinking a 20-foot putt on the 7th hole. He bogeyed the 6th, 15th and 17th holes. On the last, he hit a four-iron to ten feet and then left himself with a tap-in for par and victory.

"I prepared myself mentally to win this tournament," Mayfair said. "I wanted to win, and that was my attitude all day, and fortunately it worked."

Mayfair's victory put him second on the final 1995 United States money-list, behind Greg Norman, who collected a record $1,654,959. Nine players earned more than $1 million.

Although Norman also had the lowest scoring average, by more than half a stroke, it was Elkington who won the Vardon Trophy for scoring because Norman was eliminated from the competition after he was forced to withdraw from the Heritage Classic in April.

Revered Rice rues crucial dropped pass

BY STUART JONES

FOR the second time in three weeks, a National Football League (NFL) game has been temporarily halted for homage to be paid to an individual. The first, Dan Marino, broke the record for the number of completed passes. The second, Jerry Rice, set a new mark for yards gained by a receiver.

Neither finished on the winning side and Rice assumed responsibility for the defeat. After supporters of the San Francisco 49ers had hailed another of his feats, overtaking James Lofton's total of 14,004 yards, he rued the pass that he failed to catch against the New Orleans Saints.

Less than three minutes were left when Elvis Grbac, the understudy for the injured Steve Young, threw in his direction. "I had my hands on the ball," Rice reflected, "and, in that case, you should catch it. If I had, we would have won." He did not and they lost 11-7.

Rice is already the leader in touchdowns with 148, is second in receptions (57 short of Art Monk's 934) and third in catching a pass in consecutive games (29 behind Monk's 180). It has taken him less than 11 full seasons, all with the 49ers, to accumulate more yards than Lofton did in 16.

Nevertheless, he is not regarded as the NFL's most important player. That honour is reserved for Deion Sanders, who has been recovering from the ankle operation which had terminated his baseball season. His former team, the Atlanta Braves, won the World Series.

Sanders operated for both the offence and defence during his opening game for the Dallas Cowboys. They acquired him from the 49ers for $35 million (about £22.7 million), spread over seven years. He received a bonus of $13 million when he signed the contract, which is being investigated by the NFL.

Under new rules, salaries are capped. It has been claimed that Jimmy Jones, the owner of the Cowboys, who has already angered the organising body by attracting sponsorship without official approval, has exceeded the permitted limit in his deal with Sanders.

Jones argued that he is merely using the same tactics as the 49ers. Last season they paid $1.34 million to Sanders and reaped the benefit when he blunted Michael Irvine, the most dangerous player for the Cowboys, on their way to winning the Superbowl.

"His speed is incredible," Barry Switzer, the Cowboys coach, said after the 28-13 win over the Atlanta Falcons. "He knew a lot of eyes were on him and he made sure that anyone he was guarding was not a factor." Only the Kansas City Chiefs have a record to match the Cowboys.

One more defeat might have put the Miami Dolphins, one of the favourites, out of contention. Marino, injured during their initial loss three weeks ago, had missed the past two but he was assisted by the damage which had been inflicted on the Buffalo Bills.

They were without Andre Reed, their most reliable receiver, and Thurman Thomas, their most potent running back. The Dolphins triumphed 23-6 but only one of their remaining eight opponents has lost more games than it has won.

RESULTS: Atlanta 13 Dallas 28; Cincinnati 26 Cleveland 29 (OT); Indianapolis 17 NY Jets 10; New England 17 Carolina 20 (OT); Philadelphia 20 St Louis 9; Pittsburgh 24 Jacksonville 7; New Orleans 11 San Francisco 7; Houston 19 Tampa Bay 7; Detroit 24 Green Bay 16; Miami 23 Buffalo 6; Arizona 20 Seattle 14; NY Giants 24 Washington 15.

American Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Miami	6	3	214	133
Buffalo	5	3	155	145
Indianapolis	5	3	162	157
New England	2	6	113	194
NY Jets	2	7	130	237
Central division				
Cleveland	4	4	168	158
Pittsburgh	4	4	171	174
Cincinnati	3	5	189	169
Houston	3	5	155	161
Jacksonville	3	6	138	186
West division				
Kansas City	7	1	199	138
Oakland	6	2	213	123
Denver	4	4	168	137
San Diego	4	4	148	162
Seattle	2	6	146	195

National Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Dallas	7	1	231	131
Philadelphia	6	3	184	182
Arizona	3	5	134	194
NY Giants	3	5	128	171
Washington	3	6	264	217
Central division				
Chicago	5	2	204	167
Green Bay	5	3	187	161
Tampa Bay	5	4	134	148
Minnesota	3	4	156	168
Detroit	3	5	187	189
West division				
San Francisco	5	3	205	107
Atlanta	5	3	159	125
St Louis	5	3	157	169
Carolina	3	5	145	171
New Orleans	2	6	146	186

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

I have mentioned in previous articles the Hackett twins' propensity for ultra-weak pre-empts. How, then, could Jason bid Three Spades on a relatively respectable hand like East's, and hope to distinguish it from the real dross? Watch how the auction continued. The hand is from the recent Hackett-Sowter BBL Premier League match.

Dealer North — East - West vulnerable — IMP's

	♠954 ♥J3 ♦AKQ102 ♣K95	
♠K ♥K1042 ♦J8753 ♣A108	N W E S	♠AJ108763 ♥A87 ♦64 ♣5
	♠Q2 ♥Q965 ♦9 ♣QJ7432	

W	N	E	S
Justin	Sheehan	Jason	Senior
—	1 NT	3♠	4♣
Pass	5♣	Double	All pass

Contract: Five Clubs doubled, by South. Lead: King of Spades

Senior's Four Clubs bid was not forcing, but I gave him Five Clubs because I was slightly nervous of our defensive prospects against four of a major. As Jason had a maximum for his weak jump overcall, he doubled and the contract went three down.

It is true that East-West can make Four Spades (not that it is much of a contract) but they had already passed up the chance to bid it. Would Jason have doubled if I had passed Four Clubs? Probably not, and that is why I should have passed. Our team rather undeservedly gained 7 IMPs on the board when our teammates made Four Spades doubled on the East-West cards.

☐ The Lederer Memorial Trophy was played at the Young Chelsea Bridge club over the weekend. It was won by the President's team (W Coyle, D Edwin, R A Priday, V Siverstone and B Telischer) with 243 Victory Points. The Naturals (A Forrester, M Hoffman, D Marchessini and A Robson) were second with 225. The Turkish national team (S Assael, M Karaderiz, E Koksoy and N Zorlu) was third with 221.

☐ *Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.*

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov struggling

In the international tournament at Horgen, Switzerland, Garry Kasparov is languishing on 50 per cent after eight games. Doubtless exhausted by his world championship battle against Vishy Anand in New York, Kasparov lost a remarkable game to Vassily Ivanchuk.

Ivanchuk delayed developing his pieces and, when he finally castled on move 31, it prompted Kasparov's immediate resignation. Kasparov's 24th move b3 was a mistake; 24 Qd2 was better.

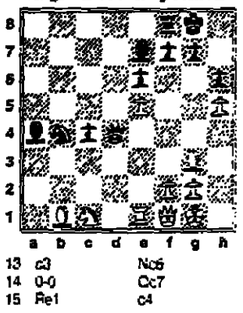
White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Vassily Ivanchuk
Horgen, October 1995

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e5	b6
5	a3	Bf8
6	Nf3	Ne7
7	h4	h6
8	h5	a5
9	Bb5+	c6
10	Be3	Nd7
11	Ne2	b5
12	Bb3	c5
13	c3	Nc6
14	0-0	Cc7
15	Re1	c4
16	Bc2	Nb6
17	Bf4	Be7
18	Bg3	Rb8
19	Nh2	Cd8
20	Ng4	b4
21	axb4	axb4
22	cxb4	Nxb4
23	Bb1	Bd7
24	c3	Ra8
25	Rxa8	Dxa8
26	bxc4	Nxc4
27	Nc1	Be4
28	Ce2	Qa7
29	Ne3	Cxd4
30	Nxc4	dxc4
31	Cf1	0-0

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Kasparov bounced back with a brisk win against Viktor Korchnoi.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Viktor Korchnoi
Horgen, October 1995

Semi-Slav Defence

1	Nf3	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	d5
4	d4	c6
5	Bg5	h6
6	Bh4	dxc4
7	e4	Bb4
8	Bxc4	Bxc3+
9	bxc3	Qa5
10	0-0	Nxe4
11	Ne5	Nd7
12	Cg4	g5
13	Cxe4	Nxe5
14	dxe5	gxh4
15	Rab1	h3
16	Rfd1	Rg8
17	g3	Rg5
18	f4	Rg8
19	Bf1	Cxc3
20	Bxh3	f5
21	Ce2	Kf8
22	Qh5	Qc5+
23	Kh1	Qe7
24	Rd6	Kg7
25	Bf5	Qf7
26	Qh7+	Kxf7
27	Bxe6+	Black resigns

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HELIOLITHIC
a. Having gall-stones
b. Sun-worshipping
c. Matriarchical

KARABINER
a. A Hungarian rifleman
b. A kind of lock
c. A packed lunch

MOPPIE
a. A charwoman
b. A letter of condolence
c. A street song

KAPARRANG
a. An outrigged canoe
b. A blood feud
c. A wooden sandal

Answers on page 46

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Kasparov-Anand, Intel World Championship, Game 14, 1995. White has a tricky decision here as 1 Qxg4 allows 1 ... Nf2+ and 1 Rxf7 allows 1 ... Bxd1. Which is the better move and why?



Solution on page 46

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Hemel 92 Chester 93, Doncaster 75 London 91; Sheffield 63 Derby 75
7-UP TROPHY: Chester 85 Newcastle 93; Leopards 82 Hemel Royals 65.

BOWLS

LLANDRINDOD WELLS: WIBC Welsh play-offs: Semi-finals: R Weale (Radnorshire) bt N Williams (Swansea) 7-3, 7-1; M Roberts (Llanelli) bt N Jones (Ogmr) 7-4, 3-7, 7-3. Final: Roberts bt Weale 7-5, 0-7, 7-2.

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Perth (third day of four): Western Australia 402-5 dec (M Hussey 146, B Hogg 101 not out) and 189-7 dec (Saqlain Mushtaq 5-39). Pakistanis 164 (Moin Khan 56, Salim Elahi 54; Julian 3-32, Angel 3-42, Oldroyd 3-45) and 54-1.

SHELLS SANDALS TROPHY: Barbados: Jamaica 236 (J Adams 57, A Powell 53, M Vanhura 51, A Cummins 3-35). Barbados 240-6 (R Holder 49, S Campbell 44, A Cummins 43 not out). Barbados won by four wickets. Guyana: Trinidad and Tobago 265-9 (B Lara 67, P Simmons 58, L Roberts 58, S Ragoonath 35; S Chanderpaul 4-23). Guyana 127-7 (R Harper 39 not out). Trinidad won by 138 runs.

CASTLE CUP (final day of four): Cape Town: Transvaal 375 and 266. Western Province 304 and 259 (B McMillan 60, D Haynes 52, S Jack 4-55). Transvaal won by 79 runs. Pretoria: Northern Transvaal 365 and 283-8 dec (C Lambert 108, A Seymore 72, T Shaw 5-98). Eastern Province 331-4 dec and 150-7 (K Wessels 66 not out). Match drawn. Bloemfontein: Free State 451-9 dec (Boland 215 and 226-7 (K Jackson 57, P DeFreitas 53). Match drawn. East London: Natal 448, Border 91 and 277 (P Kirsten 147, P Botha 61; D Crookes 5-59, M Marshall 4-48). Natal won by an innings and 80 runs.

CYCLING

CYCLO-CROSS: Reading CC (Wokefield Common, 14.5 miles): 1, I Taylor (Redhill CC) 1hr 4min 44sec; 2, R Allaway (Dawes) at 27sec; 3, J Newell (Maudon) at 2-18.

FOOTBALL

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: San Lorenzo 0 Gimnasia La Plata 2, Belgrano 0 Boca 1; Estudiantes 4 Gimnasia Jujuy 1, Deportivo Espanol 1 Independiente 1, Velez 3 Newell's 1, Banfield 0 Lanus 2, Rosario Central 2 Ferro 0; River 1 Platense 1, Racing 1 Huracan 1.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Vitoria 4 Santos 0; Juventude 3 Bahia 0; Atletico 3 Parana 2, Gremio 1 Sport Recife 0; Corinthians 1 São Paulo 0; Parissandu 2 Uniao São Joao 2; Vasco da Gama 1 Flamengo 1, Cruzeiro 0 Goias 0; Bragantino 0 Cresuma 0; Botafogo 2 Portuguesa 0, Guarani 2 International 1; Palmeiras 1 Fluminense 1.

FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Southern division: Berkhamsted Town 3 Wimbledon 4, Brentford 1 Southampton Saints 5, Brighton and Hove Albion 1 Three Bridges 5, Oxford United 2 Leyton Orient 3, Town and County 3 Ipswich Town 2, Northern division: Huddersfield Town 3 Langford 2, Sheff Wed 3 RTM Newcastle 1.

FA CARLSBERG VASE: Second-round draw: Guisborough v Crook Town; Yorkshire Amateur v West Auckland Town; Winterton Rangers v Northallerton 1894; Brigg Town v Tow Law Town, Selby Town v Billingham Synthonia; Shildon v Mossley; Hebburn v Ossett Albion, Chester-Le-Street Tn v Whickham, North Ferriby United v Oldham Town, Durham City v Whitley Town; Clitheroe v RTM Newcastle, Seaham Red Star v Peterlee Newtown; Dunston FB v Cammell Laird, Prudhoe Town v Goole Town, Easington Colliery v Ossett Town, Murton v Consett; Thackley v Bedlington Terriers, Nettleham v Pershore Town, Anstey Nomads v Shepshed Dynamo, Armitage v Rushall Olympic, Nuthall v Boldmere St Michaels, Oakham United v Lye Town, Raunds Town v Hinckley Athletic; Willenhall Town v Newcastle Town, Flixton v Hucknall Town, Belper Town v Blidworth Town, Trafford v Danaston or Walsall Wood, Maine Road v Eastwood Hanley, Pelsall Villa v Barwell or Dunkirk, Northwood v Sly City, Hampton v Wars, Bradley Town v Audley, Diss Town v Herne Bay, Burgess Hill Town v Wootton Blue Cross or Peacehaven Heath, Collier Row v Stowmarket Town or Woodbridge Town, Chesham v Bedford Town, Welwych Town v Wivenhoe Town, Slade Green v Newmarket Town, Arlesey Town v Thamesmead Town, Metropolitan Police v Canvey Island, Furness v Sandringham Town, Harwich and Parkeston v Tilbury, Langford v Whitstable Town, Wroxham v Brentwood, Whitehawk v Corinthian, Burnham v Windsor and Eton, Gorleston v Fakenham Town, Felixstowe and Tiptree v Harlow Town, Hadleigh United v Edgware Town, Leighton Town v Chalfont St Peter, Raynsham Town v Chard Town, Lymington AFC v Warminster Town, Poulton Rovers v Bideford, Bridport v Somerton Heath Harlequins, Horsham v Petersfield Town, Torpoint Athletic v Eastleigh, Shoreham v Chichester City, Dorking v Bishop Sutton, Godalming and Guildford v Mangotsfield United, Wimborne Town v Torrington, Cranleigh v Banstead Athletic, Wick v Chippenham Town, Taunton Town v Bracknell Town.

☐ Ties to be played November 18.

GOLF

TULSA, Oklahoma: PGA Tour Championship: Final scores (US unless stated): 280: B Mayfair 68, 70, 69, 73. 283: C Pavin 72, 70, 68, 73; S Elkington (Aus) 71, 72, 67, 73. 284: S Simpson 71, 70, 74, 69; W Austin 71, 68, 73, 72. 285: V Singh (Fiji) 69, 71, 72, 73. 286: J Leonard 70, 70, 72, 74; B Bryant 69, 68, 73, 76. 287: G Norman (Aus) 72, 70, 74, 71; D Duval 74, 69, 71, 73. 288: L Roberts 73, 68, 74, 73. 290: T Lehman 71, 69, 74, 76. 291: N Faldo (GB) 76, 72, 73, 70; M O'Meara 71, 74, 71, 75. 292: B Tway 70, 75, 72, 75. 293: D Love 74, 73, 74, 72; E Els (SA) 71, 74, 75, 73; P Stewart 69, 75, 74, 75; P Jacobsen 73, 70, 73, 77. 294: J Haas 75, 74, 73, 72; K Perry 76, 72, 70, 76; K Triplett 77, 71, 69, 77; L Janzen 75, 70, 71, 78. 295: P Mickelson 79, 73, 68, 75. 296: J Gallagher 74, 73, 75, 74; B Crenshaw 74, 75, 73, 76. 297: F Funk 74, 75, 72, 76; M Calcavecchia 72, 75, 73, 77; S Hoch 75, 72, 71, 79. 299: N Price (Zim) 77, 73, 74, 75.

KAANAPALI, Hawaii: Hyatt Regency Maui Classic: Final scores (US unless stated): 204: R Charles (NZ) 69, 67, 68; D Stockton 65, 69, 70 (Charles won at third extra hole). 205: L Trevino 69, 66, 70. 206: H Herring 67, 70, 69; G Marsh (Aus) 68, 69, 69; M McCullough 68, 67, 73. 207: D Blee 69, 70, 68. 208: B Summerhays 65, 71, 72; T Dill 72, 65, 71; J McGee 70, 67, 71; B Murphy 68, 68, 72. 209: J Jimenez 69, 72, 68. 210: C Coody 69, 72, 69; D Weaver 67, 70, 73; D Berman 68, 68, 74; G Archer 67, 69, 74. 211: R Thompson 68, 67, 75; M Still 72, 71, 68. Other score: 211: A Jacklin (GB) 71, 65, 75.

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☐ Vince Wright

Ardiles struggling to generate Mexican wave



ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

WHILE Juninho at last joins the Middlesbrough jet-setters, the Latin American he would most like to emulate, Osvaldo Ardiles, appears to be getting lost down Mexico way.

There are similarities between Juninho, from Brazil, and Ardiles, from Argentina. Both are diminutive figures whose talent and technique can outwit Englishmen. Ardiles became part of English football culture on the field, but was dismissed as manager of Newcastle United and Tottenham Hotspur because, with his romantic ideals, he placed far too much emphasis on attack.

Before he left these shores in the summer, Ardiles sensibly maintained his family home in north Hertfordshire. Perhaps something inside him told him that, by taking on Guadalajara, he was attempting to defend the indefensible.

His new club goes into the field with the inbuilt handicap of recruiting players only from their native Mexico, attempting to compete with teams that import as many as five foreigners. Ardiles was well aware of the situation when he accepted the job and must have known from the recent hard times of the club that he might soon be tranformed from Messiah to vilified, sacked manager.

Last weekend his team lost to Atlético Morelia, a club that had already dismissed its manager this season: the week before, Guadalajara succumbed to the league leaders, América, and with only one win from seven games, Ardiles's side is predictably bottom of its group.

As in so many other footballing backwaters, pride in nationality cannot sustain teams in Mexico. Three managers lost their jobs in the opening weeks of the frenzied season and clubs hiring foreigners, such as Emilio Butraguend, the Spaniard, and Tita, the Brazilian, fare better than those attempting the apparently impossible.

Meanwhile, the fury of Brazilian kicking football continues apace. São Paulo's game against Cruzeiro was abandoned after an hour when Cruzeiro, having had four players sent off and with another claiming injury, had insufficient numbers to complete the match. Also in Brazil, Edmundo, the volatile striker for whom Kevin Keegan denies is a potential £3 million import to St James's Park, is again in trouble.

He was photographed making an obscene gesture to the crowd. Flamengo, his club, drew 1-1 with Vasco da Gama, neither Edmundo nor Romario scored, and both are well behind Tulio, the young Botafogo forward, who leads the Brazilian league scorers.

Violent play overshadows the goals so regularly in Brazil that, however cruel the opponents, however harsh the northerly wind blows, Juninho may feel he is in clover in the North East. Last Saturday, for example, Dinho, the Grêmio midfield player, was sent off for the fourth time this season. He was one of three Grêmio players not to finish the match.

Italy might also seem a sea of calm by comparison. The pressure in Milan on Sunday night, before the derby, was reportedly all on Roy Hodgson, Internazionale's new English coach, and Paul Ince, who, in his seventh match, had yet to win friends and admirers in the San Siro.

"Mr Roy", as *Gazzetta dello Sport* calls Hodgson, "is so English he almost parodies himself. But the quality of the team remains that which we know — the English spirit of Mr Roy roamed the pitch, binding the team in a sort of iron grip. Inter had the merit of turning a derby that looked awesomely unbalanced into an entertaining and intensively fought match."

It ended 1-1. Some reports blamed Ince for missing an open goal, but far more praised his tenacity and his fighting qualities, almost literally since he apparently took a swing at the "god", Franco Baresi.

So Inter, while still needing a cutting edge in attack, are respectably placed, seven points behind the joint leaders, Parma and Milan. Juventus, who meet Rangers in the European Cup Champions' League in Glasgow tomorrow, lost their concentration and were beaten 4-0 by Lazio, their worst defeat in four seasons. To make matters more embarrassing, Pierluigi Casiraghi, discarded by Juventus, scored twice for Lazio, and Signori and Rimbaudi scored the others.

World Cup's appeal fades under clouds on horizon

Christopher Irvine reflects on a struggle ahead after the auspicious event that celebrated a century of rugby league

NOW that the Kangaroos have held court, a court in Sydney will shape the future of international rugby league as it enters a period of limbo after a highly auspicious World Cup. Timing was never a particular strength of the game. How long the hiatus lasts depends on the two sides of the argument raging in Australia.

The posturings of the Australian Rugby League (ARL) and the breakaway Super League are on the lines that there is no question of either of them losing the battle for control of the game. Australia is the cog that drives the global machinery. This is now lock and stock in Super League hands, but without the Australian barrel, it is fairly pointless.

Compromise appears a long way off. Without it, a sport that has seen the way forward through international competition the past month could stay stuck on the launch pad. Development is on hold while the Sydney lawyers fatten up on legal fees and the game in Australia becomes divided to the point where the middle ground for reconciliation no longer exists.

> 'In Britain the Super League is the only way ahead'

The Super League is committed to separate launches of European and Australasian competitions next March. These are supposed to come together in transglobal play-offs next September. Details of the £87 million Anglo-French arm will be announced next Monday, with the new Paris club to be based at the Charlety stadium to the south of the city.

Not that the Super League in the southern hemisphere is guaranteed by the courts to start on time. If not, Great Britain's visiting series against the Super League Australia side next October would be in jeopardy. The ARL is bullish after Australia's World Cup victory, but as the Super League chips away at its establishment block, the ARL clubs and players are declining.

In Britain, the Super League is the only way ahead for what was a bankrupt sport. Further down the road, Newcastle, by 1997, and Cardiff and Dublin must be developed as more than occasional ports of call by rugby league. The success of London and Paris are important, but it is at the game's heartland that one of the biggest problems exists. If not matched — and there is little likelihood of it occurring in the next two years — Wigan will go on bleeding the domestic game of relevant competition. It has become too easy for them, as was obvious in England's defeat by Australia on Saturday, when Wigan players used to competitive rugby being confined to the first half were caught out by the intensity over 80 minutes.

A first century of rugby league was fittingly celebrated by a World Cup that defied predictions of small crowds — 265,000 attended the 15 matches — and poor organisation, in spite of inadequate ticketing arrangements and poor television exposure by the BBC. At £450,000, the rights were a snip, which perhaps explains why most of the group games ended up on the cutting-room floor.

There has possibly been no more exciting international than New Zealand's last-gasp defeat of Tonga and none quite as uncompromising as when Wales battered Western Samoa into submission.

The South Seas contribution was thrilling, colourful and full of promise for a potentially rich future. In winning the emerging nations competition, the Cook Islands came of age, and other newcomers, including Scotland and Ireland, might find themselves included in the 1997 World Cup, again planned for this country.

As well as new horizons, the two tournaments introduced an array of fresh talent: Kris Radlinski (England) and Iestyn Harris (Wales), teenagers who walked tall on the international stage; Adrian Lam (Papua New Guinea) and Ali Davys (Cook Islands), two beguiling scrum halves; and Andrew Johns (Australia) the half back who was a revelation as a hooker. Only in rugby league could such a thing happen.

Wilkinson inclined to believe in miracles

BY DAVID MILLER

THERE have been few reversals in European competition as extreme as that now required by Leeds United in the Uefa Cup second round, second leg against PSV Eindhoven in Holland tonight. Their captain, Gary McAllister, said yesterday that they need a miracle, "and that's putting it mildly". The capitulation of PSV that might allow this is unlikely.

In the last decade, only once in any competition have PSV suffered a defeat by a three-goal margin at home, and that was against Ajax last season, when they lost 4-1 in the league.

Leading 5-3 from the first leg at Elland Road, where they wrecked the Leeds defence, PSV will now have Ronaldo, their Brazilian leading scorer, back in attack. Absent from the first leg with a knee injury, Ronaldo was substitute in the 2-0 win against Willem II in the league on Saturday and will be partnered up front by the quicksilver Belgian, Nilis, so irrepressible at Elland Road. The prospect should have kept Leeds awake last night.

Dick Advocaat, the PSV coach, is refusing to be overconfident, saying that the tie "has only reached half-time", and that his team should take nothing for granted. He is wise not to allow his men to relax, yet the precedents for the loss of a two-goal away lead are few.

One was experienced by Leeds themselves, with Bremner, Giles and the rest, back in 1971. Two up in Lierse, they lost the return to the Belgians 4-0. Similar misfortunes have overtaken Barcelona and Internazionale in the past. Barcelona lost 4-0 and 4-1 against Cologne and Metz respectively after winning away, while Inter were beaten 2-0 and 3-1 at home by Anderlecht and Bayern Munich respectively after away victories.

So a determined Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, last night refused to concede elimination. "I believe we can do it," he said, "because we've scored three goals before, with Monaco the prime example recently. At Elland Road, our defeat was littered with mistakes and we were punished for every one of them."

Wilkinson accepted that few gave them a chance, and added: "I've already been asked by two Dutch television crews why we have bothered to turn up for a game that's already lost. Our players are also aware that they were described over here as third-rate after the first leg, and they know the best way to silence that gibe tomorrow."

Leeds will be without Dorigo at left back, left behind with a hamstring injury that kept him out of the match against Coventry City on Saturday, when he was replaced by Pemberton. With Jobson ineligible, Pemberton will now switch to centre back, with Beesley or Bowman the replacement.

A worrying factor for Leeds is that Yeboah has now gone six games without scoring and he is fully aware of the responsibility that rests with him if Leeds are to stage a revival. "You need some luck in scoring and that's deserted me," Yeboah said yesterday. "I know I'm still a good player and tomorrow I mustn't let the situation affect me. I must stay calm, not snatch at things, and hope the goals will come again."

McAllister stressed that Leeds will be obliged to bombard the opposition from the start, though that might well prove disastrous. PSV's counter-attacking skills have already been amply demonstrated, and I shall be surprised if tonight they do not produce a second victory for the Dutch, even though they will be without the injured Jan Wouters in midfield.

Jürgen Klinsmann, scorer of both Bayern Munich goals in their 2-0 first-leg victory, is unlikely to be fit to face Raith Rovers in the second leg of their Uefa Cup second-round tie in Germnay tonight. Ian McMillan and Mark Buist, the teenagers who made their league debuts on Saturday, are in the Raith squad.



Yeboah is hoping to regain his scoring touch against PSV Eindhoven tonight

Clark considers his options

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

BY FRIDAY morning, England's original six-club challenge in Europe could have diminished by at least two-thirds. Manchester United have long gone while Leeds United, Everton and Blackburn Rovers may well be about to follow them. That will leave, probably, only Liverpool and Nottingham Forest to fly the flag.

Forest are better placed than Liverpool, at 1-0 ahead against Auxerre, after the first leg of their Uefa Cup second-round tie, but the doubts remain. At the City Ground tonight, Frank Clark, the Forest manager, faces a perplexing choice.

Should he stick with the 4-5-1 formation that proved so successful in France, albeit with the aid of four goalline clearances? It meant a surprise sentence for Bryan Roy, the elusive Dutchman, to the substitutes' bench. Or should Clark revert to type and boldly go in search of an early goal that could seal the tie? In doing so, it would leave room for Auxerre to claw back the deficit. It is a tough decision and one that Clark will not disclose until shortly before kick-off.

"It's more a psychological problem," he said. "We're 1-0 up and yet know that 0-0 will be good enough for us to go through. We have to be positive, we have to go out to try to win the game."

Clark made similarly encouraging noises before the first leg and yet, come the game, he opted for a safety-first route, dropping Roy, bringing Alf Inge Haaland into the middle and asking Jason Lee to rove alone up front. It worked, if somewhat fortuitously.

It is feasible that Clark could repeat the supposedly one-off strategy this evening, again paying Auxerre the respect they merit. With Roy included, though, it gives Forest the extra dimension they will need if they are entertaining serious thoughts of extending rather than defending their slender lead.

Roy played a full and often vibrant part in the 1-1 draw against Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road on Saturday. It increased Forest's unbeaten sequence in the FA Carling Premiership to 24 matches and provided a useful warm-up for the more awkward hurdle tonight.

"Rangers play a similar system to Auxerre, with man-to-man marking and a sweeper," Clark said. "They have some talented players and pass the ball very well. Hopefully, it will have proved the ideal workout for us."

Liverpool will put trust in traditional approach

BY PETER BALL

WHILE the prospects of some British football clubs involved in Europe this week are regarded with little optimism, everyone outside Anfield expects Liverpool, after their draw in Denmark, to progress with the minimum of difficulty against Brondby. Inside Anfield, views are predictably more cautious, the scoreless first leg meaning that Liverpool have to win.

In their present mood, with 13 goals in seven days, that should not be beyond them. The return to scoring form of Ian Rush has come at the right time and, if anything, Fowler is even more on song.

Brondby, however, are obdurate defensively, as they showed in the first leg of this Uefa Cup second round tie. They have not conceded a goal in European competition this season, and since the first leg their form has improved.

"It's a very difficult game," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said. "Their pedigree is excellent. They have got a good reputation in Europe." But of all the English sides, Liverpool, perhaps along with Nottingham Forest, appear best equipped for success in Europe with their passing game.

Rush is the only survivor from the days when they won the European Cup, but his presence and the vast experience still available in the boot-room mean they know how to play in Europe. They are unlikely to charge heedlessly into battle, exposing themselves, as Manchester United did in the previous round.

"You can't go flying at people, you can't leave yourself wide open," Evans said. "They are experienced enough in Europe to catch you on the break, so we've got to be sensible."

With Liverpool knowing that a clean sheet and one goal will suffice and Brondby regarding solid defence and a goal snatched on a counter-attack as their most likely way to progress, it is likely to be cat and mouse for much of the game.

For Liverpool, Jones will replace the ineligible McAteer. The decisions about Barnes, Scales and Wright, who are all carrying minor knocks, will be made this morning, and Collymore, who trained yesterday, is expected to resume his place on the bench.

Davies offer rejected

CARDIFF rugby union club have had a doubling of their £30,000 offer for Jonathan Davies rejected by Warrington, even though the signs are that the player's rugby league career is at an end (Christopher Irvine writes).

The transfer deadline for the Heineken League expires tonight, although it is possible the Welsh Rugby Union could make Davies a special case. However, if this does not happen, Gareth Davies, Cardiff's chief executive, said: "Warrington may find themselves stuck with having to pay the wages of a player who doesn't really have his heart in the club any more."

Wigan, the holders, received a comfortable home tie with Whitehaven in the second round of the Regal Trophy. St Helens face an awkward trip to Keighley.

REGAL TROPHY Second-round draw: Wigan v Whitehaven, Dewsbury v Barrow, Keighley v St Helens, Widnes v Oldham, Huddersfield v Featherstone, London v Highfield, Leeds v Salford, Bramley v Hunslet, Hull KR v Rochdale, Batley v Wakefield, St Esteve v Workington, Chorley v Warrington, Bradford v Sheffield, Hull v York, Halifax v Swinton, Carlisle v Castleford.
☐ Ties to be played on November 11 or 12.

Hendry gains psychological edge

BY PHIL YATES

STEPHEN HENDRY has repelled numerous attacks on his supremacy in snooker and, by beating John Higgins 9-5 in the final of the Skoda Grand Prix at Sunderland on Sunday night, the world champion gained a psychological edge over his closest pursuer in the provisional rankings.

Yet it would be foolish to assume that Higgins, winner of the grand prix, International Open and British Open last season, will enter their next encounter handicapped by an inferiority complex. In January, Higgins, 20, was outmanoeuvred by Steve Davis on the way to a 9-3 defeat in the final of the Regal Welsh Open. Three weeks later, veteran and newcomer renewed their rivalry in the climax to the International Open and Higgins prevailed 9-5.

Similarly, Higgins was trounced 9-3 by Ronnie O'Sullivan in the Benson and Hedges Masters final in February, but scored a 9-6 victory over the circuit's most talented, if erratic, teenager at the corresponding stage of the British Open in April.

Such a sequence suggests that Higgins needs to observe closely high-profile opponents on an important occasion before he can convince himself they are beatable.

Throughout the grand prix final, the first time they had met in competition, Higgins was shackled by the reputation of the world champion for ruthlessly exploiting mistakes. "It was bad," Higgins said. "I can guarantee that the next time I play Stephen I will perform better. I might lose, but I can't imagine playing worse than I did today."

Higgins will not need to wait long before this theory is put to the test. He has drawn Hendry in the first round of the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge in January and the Masters at Wembley the following month.

While Hendry admitted that the eagerly-anticipated contest had been something of an anti-climax, he was clearly delighted to capture the 56th title of his career, collect a £60,000 first prize and maintain his excellent start to the 1995-96 campaign.

One of Hendry's ambitions is to overtake Steve Davis as the player with the most titles to his credit in the modern era. He is 14 short of his rival's total of 70.

RESULT: Final: S Hendry (Scot) bt J Higgins (Scot) 9-5. Frame scores (Hendry first): 76-47, 22-57, 79-34, 43-68, 55-75, 64-0, 66-3, 69-10, 55-72, 98-20, 63-56, 64-71, 100-8, 117-0



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PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities: 1. The Harvey Beneficiary Fund
2. The Harvey Jubilee Trust Fund
Scheme to alter the governing objects of the Charities
Reference: CA/2096A/1 (CC-LON.1)
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for these Charities. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

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IN BRIEF

Hamed to take on undefeated Mexican

NASEEM HAMED will meet the unbeaten Mexican, Arnulfo Castillo, when he makes the first defence of his World Boxing Organization featherweight title.

Hamed, however, yesterday promised to make short work of Castillo, who has stopped 11 of his 19 opponents, when they meet at London Arena on December 9.

"He's won all his fights, so he must be pretty good. But I'll turn up on the night and do the usual things and he will get stopped." Hamed, 21, said. "I'm a pure winner."

Crutchley back

Hockey: Robert Crutchley and Don Williams, who were dropped from the England team after the World Cup in Sydney last year, are included in the squad of 27 from which the Great Britain team will be selected for the Olympic qualifying tournament in Barcelona from January 19 to 28.

SQUAD (England unless stated) A Boyse, R Crutchley, A Coldough (Wales), P Edwards (Wales), G Fordham, R Garcia, C Gee, D Hall, J Halls, S Hazlitt, C Hector (Scotland), H Hocken, J Leslett, J Lee, S Mason, C Mayor, M Pearn, K Priday (Wales), A Sealon (Scotland), B Sharpe, J Shaw, Kalbir Talher, N Thompson, R Thompson, J Wallis, G Williams, J Wyatt.

Douglas call-up

Table tennis: Desmond Douglas, the most successful English player of modern times, is likely to return to European league competition this week at the age of 40. The former European Top 12 champion last played for his country in this competition six years ago but has been named in the squad to play Austria at Leeds tomorrow.

Scots beaten

Bowls: Scotland, four times the champions, were beaten 17-16 by the Hong Kong Football Club yesterday on the opening day of the Hong Kong International Lawn Bowls Classic pairs competition. Adrian Welch and David le Marquand, of the Channel Islands, beat David Ward and John Ottoway, of England, 22-13.

Sampras chance

Tennis: Pete Sampras, of the United States, should recapture his world No 1 status from his injured compatriot, Andre Agassi, at the Paris Open this week. His main threat is expected to be Thomas Muster, of Austria.

Pakistan setback

Cricket: Pakistan, chasing 428, suffered a setback in their four-day match against Western Australia yesterday. The touring team lost their opener, Aamir Sohail, for eight to finish on 54 for one.

Injury prevents British champion from defending title



Ward, whose hopes of defending her title at Telford this week were dashed by medical advice on her injured knee. Photograph: Robin Mayes

Ward return ruled out of court

Stuart Jones reports on troubled times for the 20-year-old who took domestic women's tennis by storm a year ago

Unseeded, unheralded and uninhibited. Jo Ward could do no wrong during the British national championships last year. Ever since she won the title in a manner which suggested that she could develop into the figurehead of domestic women's tennis, though, scarcely anything has gone right.

Afflicted again by injury, the dominant theme throughout her career, she cannot take part in the event this year, which opens at Telford today. Instead of considering the prospects of continuing her reign, Ward, 20, from South Shields, had to reflect on prolonged regression.

"A lot of people will look on the last year as a disaster and it has been traumatic," she said. "I left the nationals with massive expectations and I haven't fulfilled them. I thought I was better than I was and I couldn't understand why I wasn't winning. It has all been so frustrating."

The depression and the confusion were compounded six months ago by a recurrence of a back complaint and the severing of links with the coach who had introduced her to the game. At the age of 13, she and 30 school colleagues had attended a clinic given by Harvey Slater.

"In terms of winning matches, she was hopeless," he recalled. "She kept on hitting the back fence but I knew if we could harness her power and her fiery temperament, she could compete." Within three years she had entered junior Wimbledon, but her right knee then started to give way.

She was advised by a surgeon, operating on it for the third time, "to find something else to do". Out of the game for 18 months, she returned, armed with the strongest forehand in British women's tennis since Sue Barker, and became the first unseeded national champion.

She was less than ideally equipped. She wore Slater's shoes, after her own had disintegrated, during her semi-final victory over Clare Wood, the holder and the British No 1, and, for the final against Kaye Hand, another unseeded player, her only remaining clean pair of socks was odd.

Wood forecast that Ward, as long as she was able to maintain consistency, might by now have broken into the world's top 150. Slater believed that the top 100 was not an unreasonable target. Instead, Ward has moved inexorably in the opposite direction, from 400 to above 600.

Ward remembers travelling through Spain, Greece and Bulgaria without winning a match. "It was the worst time of my life. I hated it." She and Slater subsequently split because of "differences, and not necessarily on the court, which got in the way of my tennis and the rest of his coaching".

She teamed up with Alan Jones, who had guided Jo Durie to seven national titles and Wood to her first. Unequivocally, he dismissed the lavish predictions which had been made on Ward's behalf. "She was the best of a bad bunch. It would have been wiser to say that she had some potential.

"Apart from the nationals and a semi-final appearance in Newcastle, she has not done much at all. To get out of the mediocrity and perform at a higher level, she needs to be fitter, more disciplined and worldly. Domestically last year and, to some extent, this year is bleak".

Ward underwent a fourth operation on her right knee, performed by the same surgeon who had repeatedly repaired Durie's similar complaint. Virtually inactive for two months, Jones was hoping that his pupil would be inspired when she returned to the scene of her improbable triumph but on medical advice she was forced to withdraw.

Yet her reign would probably have ended in the first round at the hands of Rachel Viollet, seeded No 5, behind Wood, Lizzie Jelfs, Karen Cross and Durie. Another belatedly to withdraw is Hand, who has also been dogged by injury. She has pulled a stomach muscle.

Chris Wilkinson and Danny Sapsford, past and present members of the Great Britain Davis Cup squad, are competing elsewhere this week. Andrew Foster also misses the men's event which should be dominated by the leading two seeds, Greg Rusedski, in his first appearance, and Jeremy Bates, perhaps taking part in his last.

Their most likely challengers are Mark Petchey, who beat Rusedski at Queen's Club and is scheduled to meet him again in the last four, and Tim Henman, 21, the winner of a tournament in Seoul at the weekend, who lost on a couple of tie-breaks to Bates last year.

Henman has climbed to No 116 in the world rankings after his victory on Sunday in the ATP Challenger tournament and is now the official British No 2 behind Rusedski, having leapfrogged Bates and Chris Wilkinson.

RADIO CHOICE

A deliciously golden game

Booked! *Radio 4, 12.25pm.*

As good a way as any of preparing you for the total absence of academic *gravitas* in this literary game show is to quote what Miles Kington says about the man who wrote *The Name of the Rose*: "For many years, I thought Umberto Eco was an Italian evening newspaper." Kington is in sparkling form, as indeed are his fellow panellists, Roger McGough, Mark Thomas, and the woman who is one third of the singing group Fascinating Aida, Dillie Keane. The fast-speaking chairman, Ian McMillan, is intelligent but not always intelligible. I liked most of all that part of the game in which literary characters improbably meet: Richard III and Eyeore on Bosworth field, and that cynical sensualist the Marquise de Marteuil tempting Adam with a French golden delicious in the Garden of Eden.

Are We Downhearted No! *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

I warmed to this non-critical feature about a British writer of song lyrics who is far less well known than the music-hall artistes who sang them. He was Warton David, and his son, Hubert David, is the storyteller tonight. David *père* put the words to hits such as *Hello, Hello, Who's Your Lady Friend?* He carpentered his thousand or so songs to fit the personalities of Marie Lloyd, Florrie Forde, Harry Champion, and dozens of other idols of the halls. David *fils* is no mean songwriter himself. The sheet music of his *Felix Kept on Walking* sold something like two million copies. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Clive Warren 5.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa I'Anson, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Kevin Greening 4.00 Mark Goodier, incl at 4.40 *Judge Dredd*; 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat; 8.15 The Net; 6.30 the nightly mix 7.00 Camden Live: the Evening Session 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00 Wendy Lloyd, incl at 12.15am The Nat

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 5.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Trevor McDonald 2.00pm Debbie Thrower 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hayes Over Britain 8.30 A Spanish Lover, by Joanna Trollope. With Jemma Redgrave and Carolina Langrishe (2/5) 9.00 Are We Downhearted No! See Choice 10.00 Marc Blake's Whining for England (r) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine 11.00 News; Early News 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck and at 1.15 Entertainment News 2.05 Rsscle on Five, including at 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.35 The Tuesday Match: Uefa Cup, second round, second leg 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr 7.00 Simon Bates 10.00 Jonathan King 12.00 Tommy Boyd 2.00pm Anna Raeburn 4.00 Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner 7.00 Sean Bolger 9.00 Moz Dee 10.00 James Whale 1.00-6.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 5.00 News 5.30 Europe 6.00 News 6.30 Europe 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf: Jack in the Green 7.30 New Ideas 7.50 Just a Taste 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Concert Hall 9.00 News in German 9.15 Counterpoint 9.45 Sport 10.00 News 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Off the Shelf: Jack in the Green 11.00 News 11.30 Stories to Verse 12.00 News 12.05pm Business 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 From Hoplite to Harrier 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Hit List 3.00 News in German 3.15 On Screen 3.30 Omnibus 4.00 News 4.15 World Today 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Sport 6.00 News 6.30 News in German 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Words of Faith 7.30 Megamix 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 Business 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Meridian 10.00 News 10.30 The World Today 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.10am Encore 11.15 Anything Goes 11.45 Country Style Midnight Newsdesk 12.30am A Week on the Web 12.45 Britain Today 1.00 News 1.10 Press Review 1.15 On Screen 1.30 The Musician's Musician 2.00 Newsday 2.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 3.00 World News 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Early Breakfast 6.00 Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonata 7.00 The Opera Guide 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Tim Lihoreau 1.00am Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.30 Paul Coyte 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00-6.00am Robbi Banks

RADIO 3

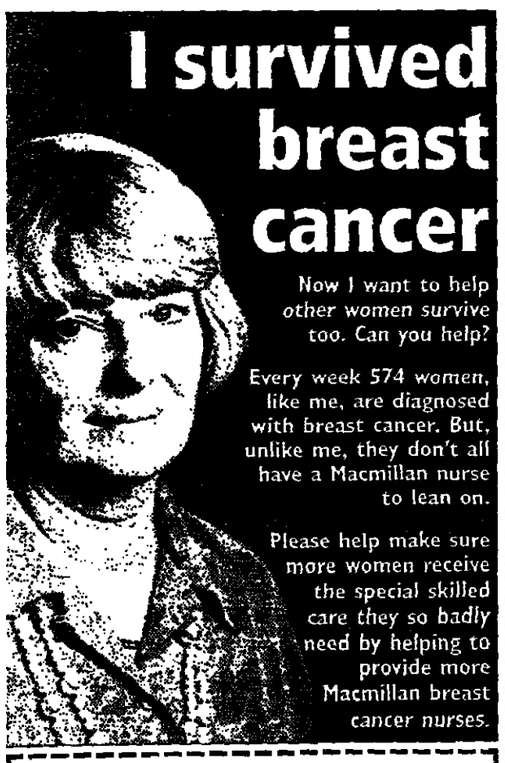
5.55am Weather
6.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Sibelius (Tapiola); Bizet (Symphony in C); 7.05 William Lawes (Royall Consort Suite No 9 in F); Beethoven (Overture, Egmont); 8.14 *Purcell Portfolio: a selection of songs*
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini: Marin Marais (Sonnerie de Ste Geneviève du Mont-de-Paris); Duparc (*Au pays où se fait la guerre*: Kiri Te Kanawa, soprano, Richard Amner, piano); 9.14 Mozart (Quintet in E flat: Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano, London Wind Soloists); Britten (The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra)
10.00 Musical Encounters: *Artist of the Week*: Ralph Kirshbaum, cello, plays Bach (Suite No 2 in D minor); Maxim Berezovsky (Sacred Concerto, Cast Me Not Off); Alwyn (Symphony No 2); 11.10 Strauss (Don Quixote)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Chopin (Variations on *La ci darem*; Etude in A flat; Piano Concerto No 1 in E minor, Scherzo in B minor) (r)
1.00pm Fairest Isle: The Quest for Deirdre. Lewis Foreman introduces extracts from operatic versions of the Irish playwright J.M. Synge's last work, *Deidre of the Sorrows*. Performed by the BBC Concert Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth, with Alison Pearce in the title role
2.00 Schools: Playtime 2.15 Time to Move 2.35 Listen!
3.00 Fairest Isle: British Cities. Recordings of pieces which played a significant part in the musical life of Bristol in the 18th century
5.00 The Music Machine: Ali Carter listens to choral auditions and rehearsals
5.15 In Tune, including Debussy (Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune); 6.09 Chopin (Nocturne in C sharp minor); 6.30 Fauré (Cinq Mélodies)
7.30 Pebble Mill: Cherubini Quartet, with Eileen Hulse, soprano, performs Schubert (*String Quartet in G*); 8.15 Air from Another Planet: Schoenberg and harmony; 8.35 Schoenberg (String Quartet No 2 in F sharp minor)
9.20 Reading Keats: The poet's letter to Benjamin Bailey, dated November 22, 1817, is read by Paul Bailey
9.35 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Alexander Lazarew performs Komdorf (Hymn III; Hymn II)
10.45 Night Waves: Richard Coles reviews the premiere in Leeds of *The Beatification of Area Boy* by Wole Soyinka
11.30 Fairest Isle: Music Restored. The second in a season of Early Music Invitation Concerts from the Royal College of Music, London. Julia Gooding, soprano, Rufus Müller, tenor, Frances Kelly, harp, Timothy Roberts, square piano, perform songs from late Georgian Britain
12.30-12.40am Fairest Isle: Catch as Catch Can. The BBC Singers perform a selection of bawdy songs by Purcell
1.00-2.30 Night School: GNVQ 1.30 Primary Geography 2.00 Libraries: Spanish Stories

RADIO 4

John Keats (1795-1821): During the day, Michael Maloney will read the poet's six great odes
5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444
10.00-10.30 Class Act (FM only): Susan Tully talks to past and present cast members of *Grange Hill*
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Lindsay Hilsum considers the role of women in the genocide of Rwanda, incl 11.00 News
11.30 All in the Mind: The conflict between self-help organisations and voluntary groups
12.25pm Bookell See Choice 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 The Vale of Soul-Making: Elizabeth Cook presents her dramatic exploration of crucial events in the life of the poet John Keats, as experienced through his letters. With Michael Maloney as the voice of Keats
2.30 Comparing Notes with Richard Baker, Penelope Price Jones and Philip Martin
3.00 News: The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Vaughan talks to the playwright Wole Soyinka
4.45 Short Story: *I Used to Live Here*, by Gillian Tindall. Read by Linda Polan
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News 6.30 No Commitments (5/6) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Lesley Curwen reports
8.00 Science Now, presented by Peter Evans (r)
8.30 In Living Colour: Linda Mitchell chairs a discussion on the achievements of the "Africa '95" season, which aims to challenge people's perceptions of Africans in Europe
9.00 In Touch: For people with a visual handicap
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Janet Cohen
10.45 Booker at Bedtime: Over the next few evenings, prior to the announcement of this year's Booker Prize winner on Tuesday November 7, an extract will be read from one of the five shortlisted novels, beginning with *The Ghost Road* by Pat Barker
11.00 Mediumwave (r)
11.30-12.00 A View from Abroad (FM only): Last in the series. The Italian journalist and writer Beppe Severgnini visits Eastbourne (r)
11.30-12.00 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00am News, incl 12.27 Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The Handmaid's Tale, by Margaret Atwood. Read by Buffy Davis (7/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1, FM 97.6-99.8, RADIO 2, FM 88.0-90.2, RADIO 3, FM 90.2-92.4, RADIO 4, FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198, MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE, MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE, MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM, FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO, FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK, MW, 1053. 1089.Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Morley, Rosemary Smith and Susan Thomson

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New contest lifts rugby horizons

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ROMANIAN rugby has had a melancholy year but today, at least, they will provide the genesis of a tournament which should offer a fresh dimension to rugby union in the northern hemisphere — and that is more than England can say. The long-awaited European Cup, which starts in the Black Sea resort of Constanta, offers further evidence of the sport breaking down parochial boundaries.

That its Euro-flavour is less than all-embracing need not be a cause for concern in this inaugural season. Ireland and Wales join with France, Italy and Romania's champion club, Farul Constanta, in a competition of limited pretensions now but of unbounded potential, playing and commercial.

"It's the closest we'll get to an effective tier, one below international level," Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union, said. A step in the right direction, Jack Rowell calls it, even though England — emulating their footballing predecessors who took no part in the birth of the European Cup 40 years ago — are not involved.

"Playing against the Welsh teams was always a big challenge for Bath," Rowell, that club's coach before taking over the management of England, said. "French teams move very sharply, lots of hands on the ball and the Irish can always be relied on for a physical challenge. But it's not Super 12 rugby, as they have in the southern hemisphere."

Given that the French have tried before to create an international club concept, in the 1960s and again in the 1980s, it is appropriate that Toulouse are involved in the opening game tonight. They play from a position of strength. 1995 French champions and joint leaders of pool one of their domestic championship this season.

The Irish, Welsh and Italians chime in tomorrow when Leinster take themselves to Milan and Swansea meet Munster in Limerick — a Munster team including 11 internationals, among them at hooker, Terry Kingston, the World Cup captain last summer. Munster's preparation included a brief Italian tour last week, when they played Lombardy and Calvisano.

Kingston faces Welsh

Sir Pat Lowry, chairman of Wasps, who had hoped to be part of the European tournament this season, stressed his club's need for more first-class games at Sudbury to sustain the £2.5 million development planned over the next 14 months.

"At the moment there are about 37 playing Saturdays in the season, of which nine bring fully-competitive league games here," Sir Pat said when Wasps published details of their plans for a centre of excellence in northwest London, in conjunction with Brent Council.

The Wasps chairman would like to see European Cup and representative fixtures at the refurbished stadium which will seat 7,500 by January 1997.

The England squad will discuss player-contracts at training at Marlow this evening, before the announcement tomorrow of the XV to play South Africa on November 18, at Twickenham.

Parke to lead England

SIMON PARKE learnt yesterday that it would be he rather than his friend and rival, Peter Marshall, who will lead England's challenge for the world team squash championship in Cairo next month (Colin McQuillan writes).

Appropriately, Parke, 23, was in the Egyptian Sculpture Gallery of the British Museum for the Squash Rackets Association announcement that Marshall, the world No 2 and England No 1, had withdrawn for health reasons and that Mark Chaloner, of Lincolnshire, would join Del Harris and Chris Walker, of Essex, behind the Nottingham-based Yorkshireman.

Marshall has conceded that continuing chronic fatigue syndrome makes his selection for England unrealistic and yesterday went further by withdrawing from the individual world open championship in Cyprus, that precedes the team event.

Ironically, that is also good news for Chaloner since a string of good results means he is the highest-ranked player in the World Open qualifying field and will almost certainly be elevated to the main draw to accommodate Marshall's absence.

"I believe we're favourites in Egypt even though seeded only third," Parke, the 1990 world junior champion, said.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

HELIOLITHIC
(b) Designating a civilisation characterised by megaliths and sun-worship, from the Greek *hēlios* sun, after *eolithic* etc.

KARABINER
(b) A coupling device consisting of a metal oval or D-shaped link with a gate protected against accidental opening. A shortened form of the German *karabiner-haken*, a spring-hook.

MOPPIE
(c) A street song of the Cape Malays. Afrikaans, an adaptation of the Dutch *mopje*, a ditty. "Moppies are little songs (often of doubtful content) sung in order to challenge, deride, or irritate the listener, or merely as foolery. When singing a moppie, the singer often includes a person's name, and if the person referred to cannot respond in similar vein, he is laughed at by all present."

KAPARRANG
(c) A wooden sandal worn by the Cape Malays, an adaptation of the Javanese *gampanan*. "Both sexes in some instances carefully ignoring the use of shoes, rather preferring clogs, called kaparrangs (which is a small piece of wood with two slips joined underneath, and a wooden knob on the upper side)."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
1 Qxg4! enables White to draw after 1 ... Nf2+ 2 Rxf2 Qxf2 3 Qxg6+ Bg7 4 Re7 Qf1+ 5 Qg1 Qf3+ 6 Qg2 with a draw by perpetual as it would be very dangerous for Black to exchange queens.

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Facing the truth has always taken courage

Television may not be the home of the exclusively beautiful but it is prone to welcome those whose countenance is at least inoffensive. Newsreaders and sports presenters, quiz contestants and political pundits, all must dread the encroachment of some disfigurement as much as do actors.

Life, however, is not television and from time to time life happens even to actors. So came last night's most uplifting moment, when Paul Eddington had the courage to be shot in close up for *Face to Face* (BBC2) and the BBC had the courage thus to film him.

Eddington is an outstanding actor brought to national fame in *The Good Life*, *Yes, Minister* and *Yes, Prime Minister*. He is, happily, still working in the theatre and on radio but, as he told Jeremy Isaacs, a mooted television part recently came to naught because the producer was "worried about the close-ups". What a shame.

Not that Eddington was dismayed, for he had insisted the producer came to see him: "I do look grotesque, you know." Not at all, but Eddington has skin cancer and so his physical condition is much diminished even if his spirit is not.

His loss of weight, blotchy skin and absence of hair was first revealed by a disgraceful piece of tabloid intrusion and Eddington confirmed last night what those of us in the newspaper business had known at the time: that the tabloids "were hoping against hope that I might have Aids. Respectable married man, grown-up family, it would be a lovely story, wouldn't it?"

Once Eddington decided to announce his true condition the tabloids lost interest. This is a pity, if unsurprising. And after perhaps five minutes of *Face to Face* Eddington's appearance had ceased to matter, overwhelmed by his cheerful intelligence and casual courage.

As for the thing that really matters, the acting, Eddington produced as brief and brilliant a definition of the secret of comedy as I have heard. "The secret is courage [pause] the courage to pause," he said.

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

A mixed bag elsewhere last night included a disappointing return for **Horizon** (BBC2) which was subtitled *Liar* but never quite got beyond the rather narrow issue of lie detector tests. Are they reliable? No. Are they becoming more reliable? Yes. Will they ever be completely reliable? Yes and no.

The problem with the programme was that it postulated the possibility that one day technology could make us all completely honest but the notion was itself deceptive: by definition, technology can only make all of us honest if all of us are plugged into the technology all the time.

There was one brief, shining moment which put all the theorising academics to shame. This involved evidence that small children are incapable of deception (even in a good cause) but less small ones soon learn it. A child of three was given a scenario in which Snow White is hiding from her wicked stepmother in a hollow tree and offered the chance to tell the woman that Snow White was in fact in the house, thus saving her.

But when the stepmother asked the child the question, the child of three replied: "In the tree". When a child of five was put in the same situation, she replied: "In the house". This explains why you have to be over five to join the Diplomatic Service.

The pace of *Horizon* was not much helped by its following of a tiresome modern fashion, which involves using monochrome for dramatisations. As a warning to producers, I print without comment the question posed by my seven-year-old daughter upon seeing some old newsreel on television at the weekend: "In olden days, did everyone have to wear black and white?"

Most of the people in **Kicking and Screaming** (BBC2) certainly did. This, third in the series, traced the English football team from the thrashing by Hungary at Wembley in 1953 — the first home defeat by a continental side — to the World Cup victory, on the same ground, 13 years later.

I was fascinated to see that the great Tommy Lawton still has the same Brylcreem-ad haircut that he carried on the pitch, but there was no real attempt to show what had happened to England tactically in those 13 years, except that Alf Ramsey was allowed to pick his team of "wingless wonders", whereas his predecessor had a selection committee of nine.

Apparently half-a-dozen of them would turn up for meetings each touting a favourite goalkeeper, for example, so that six goalkeepers had to be whittled down to one over a period of several hours of exhausting argument. A similar process is still in use elsewhere, only now the successful candidate is given the Booker Prize.

Omnibus: The Last Journey of John Keats (BBC1) was a gentle and informative film in which Andrew Motion, a Keats biographer, replicated the great man's journey by sailing ship to Rome, where he died of TB in 1821, having hoped that the journey might effect a cure. He was 25 years old.

Motion resisted the temptation to paint a cradle-to-grave portrait of Keats, instead focusing on the three years in which he was writing his finest poems, dying of TB and wrestling with his passion for Fanny Brawne.

Amid these dramas, Keats was producing work which was only properly understood long after his death, for the work's romantic agony often acted as a shield (and sometimes a metaphor) for Keats's strongly-felt views on the repression of the working classes and the need for a republic.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (26783)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (64261783)
9.10 Kilroy (s) (8589211)
10.00 News (Ceefax) (5618948) **10.05 Housemates** (s) (1468054)
10.35 Good Morning (s) (1509677)
12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (4907851)
12.05pm Pebble Mill. With Michael Parkinson, Anthony Andrews, James Herbert, *Riverdance* (s) (7219783)
12.50 Regional news and weather (16817275)
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (43211)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (91438509)
1.50 Columbo: The Most Crucial Game (r) (Ceefax) (5559696) **3.05 Incognito** (s) (8022054)
3.30 Casper Classics (r) (s) (1359528) **3.35 Blinky Bill** (6110702) **4.00 Oscar's Orchestra** (s) (8976431) **4.25 Animal Hospital** (s) (9124851) **4.35 Take Two** (Ceefax) (s) (2091986)
5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (9259306)
5.10 Byker Grove (Ceefax) (2535561)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (554967)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (832)
6.30 Regional news magazines (412)

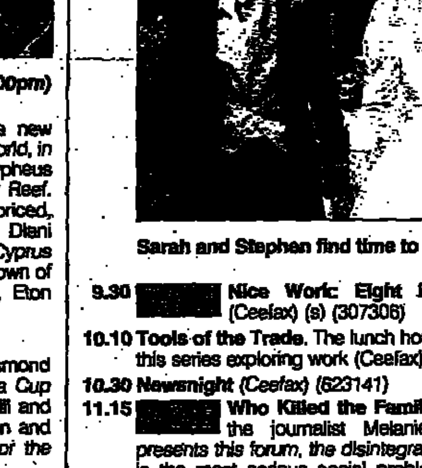


Jill Dando relaxes on Orpheus Island (7.00pm)

7.00 NEW **Holiday.** Jill Dando starts off a new series from the other side of the world, in Australia. She arrives by seaplane on Orpheus Island, a luxury resort on the Great Barrier Reef. Monty Don, looking for a reasonably priced, adventurous long-haul holiday, settles for Diani Beach in Kenya. Carol Smillie reports from Cyprus and John Pitman spends a few days in the town of Windsor and its equally grand neighbour, Eton (Ceefax) (s) (5677)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (696)
8.00 Sportsnight: Liverpool v Brondby. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage of the Uefa Cup second-round, second-leg match. Jimmy Hill and Alan Hansen are in the studio, John Motson and Trevor Brooking provide the commentary for the match (s). (35165851)
9.55 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (729431)
10.25 FILM: Mobsters (1991) with Anthony Quinn, F. Murray Abraham, Michael Gambon, plus Christian Slater, Patrick Dempsey, Richard Grieco and Costas Mandylor. *Young Guns*, gangster style. In 1920s America, four young men forge a bond of loyalty which will help them in their rise to the top of organised crime. Directed by Michael Karbelnikoff (363493) **Wales:** Week In Week Out (432528) 10.55 Film: Mobsters (86277986) 12.35am Film: Malcolm (6790468) 2.00 News headlines and weather (7791468)
12.05am FILM: Malcolm (1986) starrinbg Colin Friels, John Hargreaves and Lindy Davies. An off-beat Australian comedy about a socially withdrawn man who seems dim-witted but is a mechanical genius, living alone in a house full of his weird electronic creations. Directed by Nadia Tass (1246449)
1.25 Weather (3786371)

BBC2

6.00am Technology season: Living with Technology (2907325) **6.50** Opening Up Technology (9659696)
7.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (7768865) **7.15 Lassie** (r) (9674141) **7.40 Pirates of Dark Water** (r) (Ceefax) (9784832) **8.05 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3217239)
8.35 The Record (s) (6447238)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, *10.00-10.25* Playdays
2.00 The Family Ness (r) (97814967) **2.05 Christopher Crocodile** (r) (97813238)
2.10 A Century of Warfare: Britain Stands Alone, 1940-1941 (2673219)
3.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather; **Westminster with Nick Ross** (8788783) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (8964696)
4.00 Today's the Day. Quiz (s) (325)
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. (s) (509)
5.00 Esther. Uri Geller talks to Esther Rantzen (s) (6783)
5.30 Going Going Gone (s) (561)
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (r) (s) (562293)
6.25 Heartbreak High. (Ceefax) (s) (438412)
7.10 Dear Dilemma. Real-life crises are dramatised and then discussed by celebrities. (Ceefax) (s) (652509)
7.30 From the Edge. Topical magazine from a disabled person's point of view. (Ceefax) (s) (238)
8.00 Picture This: The Washing Up Wars. (Ceefax) (s) (2967)
8.30 Food and Drink. (Ceefax) (s) (4702)
9.00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? Classic comedy (r) (Ceefax) (5412)

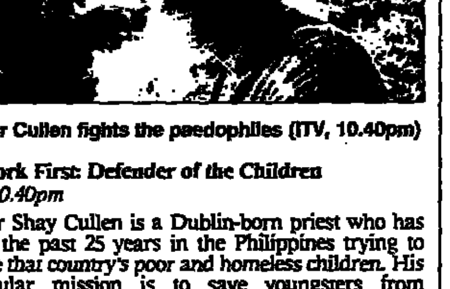


Sarah and Stephen find time to marry (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **Nice Work: Eight Days a Week.** (Ceefax) (s) (307306)
10.10 Tools of the Trade. The lunch hour is examined in this series exploring work (Ceefax) (s) (407967)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (623141)
11.15 CHOICE **Who Killed the Family?** According to the journalist Melanie Phillips, who presents this forum, the disintegration of the family is the most serious social problem we face. (s) (585677)
11.55 Weather (932851)
12.00 Midnight Hour (s) (55739)
12.30am The Learning Zone: Open University — Musical Prodigies (75848) **1.00** Music of Mali (10791) **1.30** Jazz, Raga and Synthesizers (46604) **2.00 Nightschool TV:** Zig Zag (92449) **4.00 BBC Focus:** Teaching and Learning with IT (90062) **4.30** Portables in Action (31284) **5.00** Italia 2000 (97352) **5.30** Film Education (56468)

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CHOICE



Father Cullen fights the paedophiles (ITV, 10.40pm)

Network First: Defender of the Children
ITV, 10.40pm

Father Shay Cullen is a Dublin-born priest who has spent the past 25 years in the Philippines trying to rescue that country's poor and homeless children. His particular mission is to save youngsters from prostitution and to expose the pimps and paedophiles who exploit them. The film claims that more than 60,000 Filipino children are being sold as prostitutes to foreign tourists. We hear from both victims and villains as Father Cullen goes undercover to bring the paedophiles to justice. Many of the paedophiles are British and 15 have been deported by the Philippines Government. But Britain is not prepared to prosecute for sex crimes commited on foreign soil.

Without Walls
Channel 4, 9.00pm

David Baddiel takes a break from fantasy football to offer a guide to the bawdy and erotica of Restoration England. If you thought the 1960s saw the start of sexual liberation, Baddiel makes an equally convincing case for the 1660s. The monarch, Charles II, set the tone with his many mistresses and at least 12 illegitimate children. There was the Earl of Rochester who wrote obscene verse and died of syphilis at the age of 33 and even Samuel Pepys imported dirty books from France. Women tended to be the passive objects of such pleasures, though the playwright Aphra Behn hit back powerfully on behalf of her sex. The other item is another paean to the motor car, this time the streamlined designs of the 1930s.

Who Killed the Family?
BBC2, 11.15pm

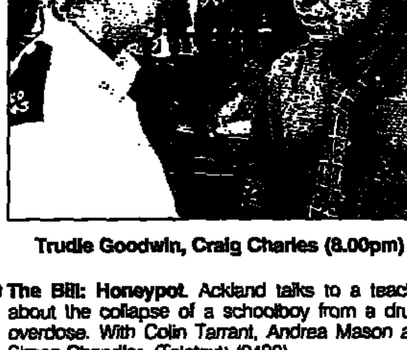
According to the journalist Melanie Phillips, who presents this thoughtful forum, the disintegration of the family is the most serious social problem we face. Phillips is powerfully supported by Janet Daley, whose views will not be unknown to readers of *The Times*, and by Dr Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi. But Suzanne Moore, another newspaper columnist, argues that a departure from traditional family structures may not be a bad thing. The historians Roy Porter and Lawrence Stone offer a longer perspective. The soaring divorce rate and growing numbers of families without fathers is blamed by some on the libertarianism of the 1960s and by others on the Thatcher revolution's high unemployment and destruction of community.

Nice Work: Eight Days a Week
BBC2, 9.30pm

Sarah, a financial adviser, and Stephen, an account director, have been planning to marry for three years but have never managed to make the time. When you look at their work schedules you begin to understand. She can be in the office until ten at night, while his job takes him away for days on end. They are often reduced to communicating by mobile phone. But at least they choose to put in the long hours. Isabella and Phillip have been forced to become workaholics in order to save their ailing joinery business and the strain is threatening their marriage. Anne Parisio's revealing look at the job culture of the 1990s also features Mitchell, whose heavy workload helps him to cope with his young son's illness. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (7654899)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep quiz show (s) (5928325)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) (1463509)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (9389290)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine show. Rory Bremner guests (39705967)
12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (4903035)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News and weather (9357290) **12.55 Home and Away** (9372509) **1.25 Emmerdale** (r) (s) (22162561) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (91426764)
2.20 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (44420851)
2.50 Capital Woman with Julia Carling (s) (8394493)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (9606293)
3.25 London Today (Teletext) (9650014)
3.30 Gigglish Allsorts (s) (4540899) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (1324832) **3.50 Hot Rod Dogs** (s) (4544615) **4.05 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat** (9139783) **4.15 The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries** (1383493)
4.40 The Ward (Teletext) (s) (6260986)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (1499257) followed by **The Missing File**
5.40 ITN Evening News and weather (888561) (Teletext)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (732899)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (528)
6.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (580)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (3073)
7.30 Inside Crime. In the last of the series, John Stalker meets a young special constable who gives hours of his own time to help police his community (764)

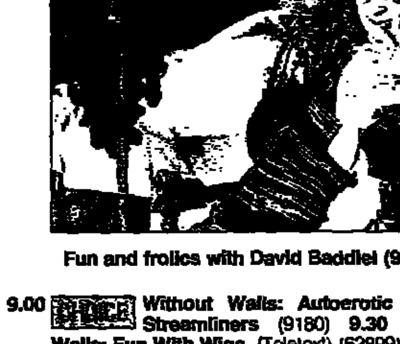


Trudie Goodwin, Craig Charles (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Honeypot. Ackland talks to a teacher about the collapse of a schoolboy from a drugs overdose. With Colin Tarrant, Andrea Mason and Simon Chandler. (Teletext) (9493)
8.30 Goodnight Mr Bean starring Rowan Atkinson (s) (8528)
9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Love and War. Army drama series. (Teletext) (s) (5764)
10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) (36986)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (393528)
10.40 CHOICE **Children in Danger Week: Network First.** (Teletext) (380899)
11.40 The European Match — Highlights. In tonight's Uefa Cup matches, Nottingham Forest face Auxerre and in Holland, Leeds and their top scorer Tony Yeboah face a tough test against PSV Eindhoven whose squad includes the mercurial Ronaldo (229219)
12.45am War and Remembrance (r) (524517)
2.40 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (s) (5382468)
3.05 The Beat (s) (6418130)
4.00 America's Top Ten (s) (94888)
4.30 On the Live Side (s) (39643536)
4.35 Videofashion (86676604)
5.00 Vanessa: Fat Kids (r) (Teletext) (s) (91178)
5.30 ITN Morning News (43994). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Heathcliff (r) (6206986)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (95764)
9.00 Evening Shade (r) (s) (13035)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (6576851) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (6571306) **10.00** Fourways Farm (5625238) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (2404073) **10.25** How We Used to Live (2483580) **10.45** Caraidean (1896219) **11.00** The New Living Body (5935832) **11.20** Stage One (3286054) **11.35** Film and Video Showcase (2868948) **11.45** First Edition (458851)
12.00 House To House. Political magazine (33899)
12.30pm Sesame Street. With the Neville Brothers (79832) **1.30 Widget** (r) (s) (41306)
2.00 Joan Of Arc: The Truth. A challenging view of the life of the Maid of Orleans (44424677)
2.25 FILM: Hunted (1952, b/w). Dirk Bogarde plays a killer on the run, who joins forces with a six-year-old, runaway orphan. With Jon Whiteley, Kay Walsh and Elizabeth Sellars. Directed by Charles Crichton. (Teletext) (963509)
4.00 Think Tank. Quiz. (Teletext) (s) (493)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Quiz. (Teletext) (s) (677)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. What goes on inside a man's mind?. (Teletext) (s) (6326293)
5.50 Terrytoons. Possible Possum (715122)
6.00 The Avengers (b/w). Cult-following adventures starring Patrick Macnee and Diana Rigg (r). (Teletext) (50054)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (377122)
7.55 The Slot. Viewers' soapbox (615238)
8.00 NEW **Dosh.** An eight-part series in which Shami Ahmed, founder of the Joe Bloggs clothes empire and now a multi-millionaire in his early thirties, offers advice on how to make the most of money. (Teletext) (7035)
8.30 Brookside. Superior soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (9870)



Fun and frolics with David Baddiel (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Without Walls: Autoerotic — The Streamliners** (9180) **9.30 Without Walls: Fun With Wigs.** (Teletext) (62899)
10.00 FILM: Raining Stones (1993) starring Bruce Jones and Gemma Phoenix. Ken Loach's award-winning comedy drama about a man who stops at nothing to keep his family fed. (Teletext) (s) (564603)
11.40 Avondale Dogs. A poignant drama from New Zealand about a young boy coming to terms with the death of his mother (893325)
12.00 Nurses: The Ex-Factor. Black comedy set in a Florida hospital (r). (Teletext) (s) (2452739)
12.35am Football Italia — Mezzanotte. Highlights of the Internazionale v AC Milan derby at the San Siro stadium (7788772)
1.35 World Tennis. Action from the IBM/ATP World Tour tournament in Essen, the first time that the tour has visited that German city (6166081)
2.05 The Sahara Project. Episode six of the eight-part drama starring Helmut Berger and Rudger Vogler Dubbed in English (386212) Ends at **3.05**
4.00-5.20 Schools: Mind Your Own Business (7758772)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9372509) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (22162561) 2.50-3.20 Marquee (8394493) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1499257) 6.25 Anglia Weather (715257) 6.30-7.00 Anglia News (580) 7.30-8.00 Heirloom (784) 12.45am Film: My Man Adam (852082) 2.20 The Little Picture Show (1677361) 3.15 The Beat (3439371) 4.05 The New Music (9293401)

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.50-3.20 Special Babies (8394493) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1499257) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (704967) 7.30-8.00 The Tuesday Special (784) 4.30am Jobfinder (7828826) 5.20 Asian Eye (4435975)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9372509) 1.25 Home and Away (81476325) 1.50 Vanessa (47345238) 2.20 Behind the Palace Walls (44420851) 2.50-3.20 Emmerdale (8394493) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (1499257) 6.25-7.00 Granada Tonight (704967) 7.30-8.00 The Rock and Goal Years (784) 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder (28710)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (5522141) 1.20 The Lady Killers (22163290) 2.50-3.20 Gardening Calendar (8394493) 3.25-3.30 HTV West Headlines (9650014) 5.10-5.40 Yan Can Cook (1499257) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (580) 7.30-8.00 Fair's Fair (784) 10.30-10.40 HTV West News and Weather (393528) 4.30am Jobfinder (28710)

HTV WALES
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MERIDIAN
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WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (1463509) 12.20pm Westcountry News (4912783) 12.25-12.30 My Story (4911054) 12.55 Emmerdale (9372509) 1.25 Home and Away (22162561) 1.55-2.20 The Young Doctors (91426764) 2.50-3.20 A Country Practice (8394493) 3.25-3.30 Westcountry News (9650014) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1499257) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (52412) 7.30-8.00 Little River Journeys (784) 10.30-10.40 Westcountry News; Weather (393528) 4.30am Jobfinder (28710)

YORKSHIRE
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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
7.00am DJ Kat (54615) 8.00 Power Rangers (67870) 8.30 Jeopardy (86141) 9.00 Court TV (57493) 9.30 Oprah Winfrey (59141) 10.30 Blockbusters (53677) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (54431) 12.00 Spellbound (77257) 12.30pm Designing Women (86493) 1.00 The Waltons (81948) 2.00 Geraldo (61685) 3.00 Court TV (2122) 3.30 Oprah Winfrey (3982238) 4.20 Kids TV (6547325) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (6702) 6.00 Power Rangers (2238) 6.30 Spellbound (6290) 7.00 LAPD (7431) 7.30 M*A*S*H (5702) 8.00 Nowhere Man (44431) 9.00 Chicago Hope (31967) 10.00 The Next Generation (34054) 11.00 Law and Order (42696) 12.00 David Letterman (8865842) 12.45am Wallenberg (3485401) 1.30 Anything But Love (75791) 2.00-4.00 Hit Mix (8543710)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (3784073) 10.30 ABC Nightline (51219) 11.00 News and Business (900698) 1.30pm CBS News (10764) 2.30 Parliament Live (47290) 4.00 News and Business (93219) 5.00 Live at Five (4344) 6.30 Tonight (27870) 8.30 Target (887581) 11.30 CBS News (96829) 12.30am ABC News (59848) 1.30 Tonight (79826) 2.30 Worldwide Report (39333) 3.30 Parliament Replay (41178) 4.30 CBS News (80420) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (76246)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1932073) 10.00 A Million to One (1993) (97509) 12.00 The VIPs (1963) (11238) 2.00pm In Like Flint (1967) (25306) 4.00 Dream Chasers (1985) (8306) 6.00 A Million to One (1993). As 10am (38870) 8.00 Fearless (1993) (40615) 10.00 Death Wish V — The Face of Death (1993): With Charles Bronson (630677) 11.40 Daybreak (1993): With Cuba Gooding Jr (215431) 1.15am Roseanne and Tom: A Hollywood Marriage (1994) (728826) 2.45-4.45 Return to Peyton Place (1961) (13024371)

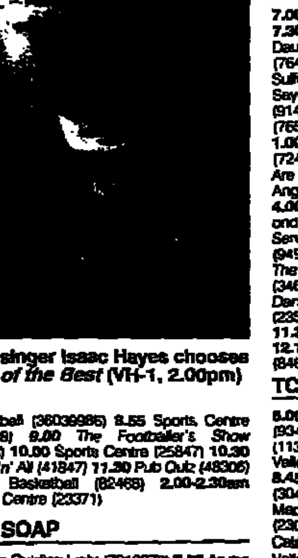
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THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Wind Dancer (1993) (38290) 8.00 Double, Double, Toil and Trouble (1993) (29257) 10.00 Web of Deception (1994) (88851) 12.00 Bonanza: Under Attack (1995) (11180) 2.00pm 12:01 (1993) (23948) 4.00 Double, Double, Toil and Trouble (1993). As 8am (6948) 6.00 Hocus Pocus (1993) (82851) 7.30 Special Feature: London Film Festival Preview (8412) 8.00 Silhouette (1994) (48257) 10.00 Short Cuts (1993) (88129696) 1.15am The Philadelphia Experiment 2 (1993) (978555) 3.00 The Music of Chance (1993) (281739) 4.40-6.00 Back to God's Country (1953) (8789555)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL
Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Umbrella Tree (91529509) 6.30 Muppet Babies (13196702) 7.00 Winnie the Pooh (59006561) 7.30 Ducktales (59025696) 8.00 Chip 'n' Dale (24380122) 8.30 Wonderland (24389493) 9.00 Fraggle Rock (24303073) 9.30 Pooh Corner (91297677) 10.00 Dumbo's Circus (13187054) 10.30 Donald (24309257) 11.00 Walt Disney Presents (59034344) 12.00 Boy Meets World (24390509) 12.30pm Thunder Alley (91291493) 1.00 Flipper (91298948) 2.00 Adventures in Wonderland (65065509) 2.30 Under the Umbrella Tree (23298141) 3.00 Fraggle Rock (65077344) 3.30 Winnie the Pooh (23200986) 4.00 Donald (23289493) 4.30 Ducktales (23285677) 5.00 Chip 'n' Dale (65049561) 5.30 Danger Bay (23209257) 6.00 Tarzan (23298870) 6.30 Dinosaurs (23280122) 7.00 Walt Disney Presents (21244344) 8.00-10.00 FILM: In Search of the Castaways (21224580)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Eurogolf (45325) 8.30 Dancing (73832) 9.30 Athletics (54865) 10.30 Olympic Magazine (75324) 11.00 Football (94073) 12.00 Football (25967) 1.00pm Speedworld (48431) 2.30 Snooker (67257) 3.30 Motors (46054) 5.30 Football (94899) 6.30 News (9752) 7.00 Boxing (73967) 8.00 Pro Wrestling (82615) 9.00 Football (85702) 11.00 Snooker (82238) 12.00-12.30am Eurosport News (17517)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Sports Centre (71122) 7.30 American Sports (50257) 8.30 Aerobics Oz Style (91412) 9.00 Ford Scorpio Golf USA (598851) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (75368) 12.30pm Monday Night Football: Bolton v Arsenal (97290) 2.30 Tartan Extra (4685) 3.00 Powerboat World (8948) 3.30 Mountain Bikes (6580) 4.00 Watersports (48783) 5.00 Wrestling Mania (2528) 6.00 Sports Centre (1764) 6.30 Teachers Pub Quiz (5344) 7.00



Soul singer Isaac Hayes chooses *Ten of the Best* (VH-1, 2.00pm)

Basketball (36039986) 8.55 Sports Centre (834398) 9.00 The Footballer's Show (77783) 10.00 Sports Centre (25847) 10.30 Boots 'n' All (41847) 11.30 Pub Quiz (48306) 12.00 Basketball (82468) 2.00-2.30am Sports Centre (23371)

SKY SOAP
7.00am Guiding Light (7812870) 7.55 As the World Turns (9761141) 8.50 Peyton Place (6038141) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (2301493) 10.10-11.10 Another World

SKY TRAVEL
11.00am Globetrotter (4436764) 11.30 Trailside (4437493) 12.00 On Top of the World (4020696) 12.30pm Floyd on Oz (5173580) 1.00 Around the World (2499986) 1.30 Sky Travel Guide (5172851) 2.00 Ski Special (4112851) 3.00 Getaway (1853431) 3.30-4.00 Boomerang (9174870)

TLC
9.00am Toycraft (7664073) 9.30 Martha Stewart's Hallowe'en (7247238) 10.00 Grow Your Greens (1301677) 10.30 Will it Hurt? (7660257) 11.00 Only Human (2996615) 11.45 Draw with Don (15794073) 12.00 The Right Thing? (7651509) 12.30pm Jimmy's (7241054) 1.00 Martha Stewart's Hallowe'en (9143431) 1.30 Toycraft (7240325) 2.00 Amanda and Friends (9151580) 2.30 Soul Mates (7362899) 3.00 Grow Your Greens (9170615) 3.30-4.00 Green Fingers (7367344)

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7.00am The Chronicles of Narnia (9113290) 7.30 Neighbours (9132325) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7643580) 8.30 EastEnders (7642851) 9.00 The Bill (7866431) 9.30 The Sullivans (7249696) 10.00 A Dorothy L Sayers Mystery (9138509) 11.00 Dallas (9141073) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (7653967) 12.30pm Neighbours (7243412) 1.00 EastEnders (9112561) 1.30 The Bill (7242783) 2.00 The Sullivans (9160238) 2.30 Are You Being Served? (7364257) 3.00 Angels (9172073) 3.30 Eldorado (7369702) 4.00 Casualty (19242683) 5.05 Every Second Counts (4333306) 5.45 Are You Being Served? (4858344) 6.25 EastEnders (9490431) 7.00 Eldorado (9164054) 7.30 The Liver Birds (7345122) 8.00 Angels (3468702) 8.25 Butterflies (8815986) 9.00 Danger UXB (1780986) 10.00 The Bill (2353967) 10.35 Classic Sport (5233054) 11.35 Carrott Confidential (7808493) 12.15am Dr Who (6687851) 12.45 Out (8467420) 1.40 Shopping

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6.00am Casper (61306) 6.30 Garfield (93431) 7.00 The New Pink Panther Show (11325) 7.30 Sonic (90832) 8.00 Sweet Valley High (38967) 8.30 Casper (5013528) 8.45 Dinobabies (5001783) 9.00 Tiny TCC (3040306) 2.00pm Barney (3899) 2.30 Madeline (5783) 3.00 Sonic the Hedgehog (2306) 3.30 Pink Panther Show (7528) 4.00 California Dreams (6035) 4.30-5.00 Sweet Valley High (2219)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Batfink (9811412) 7.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (7534677) 7.45 Rugrats (721431) 8.15 The Ferals (890035) 8.45 Count Duckula (4335324) 9.00 Nick Jr (585493) 12.00 Lunchbox (93870) 12.30pm Pee-Wee's Playhouse (19306) 1.00 The Ferals (78035) 1.30 Dungeons and Dragons (18677) 2.00 Denver the Last Dinosaur (8403) 2.30 Galaxy High School (8677) 3.00 Count Duckula (9290) 3.30 The Legend of the North Wind (3122) 4.00 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (2257) 4.30 Rugrats (1141) 5.00 Clarissa Explains It All (1035) 5.30 Global Guts (2493) 6.00 Doug (9306) 6.30-7.00 Count Duckula (3986)

DISCOVERY
4.00-6.00pm Howlowe'en: Beauty and the Beasts (5585561). 5.00 Unwelcome Houseguests (9142632). 5.30 Hauntings (7366615) 6.00 Invention (9486238) 6.35 Beyond 2000 (6290590) 7.30 Howlowe'en — Arthur C. Clarke's Universe (7343764) 8.00 Azimuth (1768764) 9.00 State of Alert (5514073) 9.30 On the Road Again (7221290) 10.00 Howlowe'en: Kremlin's Embalmers (7652238) 10.30 Howlowe'en. Vampires (7661986) 11.00-12.00 Tales from the Interstate (9120580)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: The Brain from Planet Arous (10324716) 1.15pm The Invisible Man (2024412) 2.00 Danger Man (1399832) 3.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood (9167141) 3.30 Man from Interpol (7354870) 4.00 FILM: The Titfield Thunderbolt (3731073) 5.30 The Quik Corporation (7353141) 6.00 Scotland Yard (7350054) 6.30 Department S (1782851) 7.30 The Adventures of Robin Hood (7330290) 8.00 Space 1999 (1755290) 9.00 Fear in the Dark (1775054) 10.00 FILM: Frostbiter (2099290) 11.30-12.00 FILM: Something to Cry About (1327615)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (9182581) 7.00 Living Magazine (1556054) 9.00 Old Garden, New Gardener (7617141) 9.30 Kate and Allie (1836948) 10.00 Hearts of Gold (4489851) 10.50 Entertainment Now (40978431) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (4231035) 11.55 Hudson and Halls (6208122) 12.30pm Brookside (4668257) 1.05 Kilroy (6069412) 2.00 Agony Hour (4153509) 3.00 Living Magazine (9762580) 4.00 Infatuation UK (9401493) 4.30 Crosswits (7368696) 5.05 The Joker's Wild (78396957) 5.30 Bewitched (9421257) 6.00 Esther (9411870) 6.30 Brookside (3105054) 7.05 The Jerry Springer Show (4670528) 8.00 The Young and the Restless (2760561) 9.00 FILM: Elvira, Mistress of the Dark (17328412) 10.50 Entertainment Now (6125889) 11.00-12.00 Dangerous Women (1536290)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (7851) 5.30 Tintin (341580) 5.50 Batman (809851) 6.25 Catchphrase (424344) 7.00 Through the Keyhole (7615) 7.30 My Two Dads (3948) 8.00 FILM: Columbo: Death Lends a Hand (42783) 9.30 Evening Shade (68696) 10.00 Busman's Holiday (32783) 10.30 Moonlighting (27677) 11.30 Batman (80967) 12.00 The Adventures of Tintin (73197) 12.30am Second Guess (45826) 1.00 Zorro (36352) 1.30 Rhoda (78555) 2.00 Moonlighting (97064) 3.00 Rhoda (23888) 3.30 Zorro (55994) 4.00 The Wonder Years (43159) 4.30-5.00 The Black Stallion (24517)

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VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (2498257) 9.00 Café (1100431) 12.00 Heart and Soul (5194073) 1.00pm Vinyl Years (5170493) 2.00 Ten of the Best Isaac Hayes (4121509) 3.00 Into the Music (2755122) 6.00 U2 (5190257) 7.00 VH-1 for You (2612677) 8.00 Review (2621325) 9.00 Ten of the Best (2601561) 10.00 Vinyl Years (2611948) 11.00 The Nightfly (4441986) 1.00am Ten of the Best (5205975) 2.00 Dawn Patrol

ZEE TV
7.00am Asian Morning (40674883) 8.30 Countdown to the Cricket World Cup (54342257) 9.00 Gujerati FILM (69090670) 12.00 Campus (54346073) 12.30pm Manasi (45150899) 1.00 Hindi FILM Honeymoon (96300344) 4.00 Hastey Bastey (10682493) 4.30 Nukkad (10688677) 5.00 Zee Zone (66393412) 5.30 Tamil Serial: Rail Sneham (10602257) 6.00 Campus (10692870) 6.30 Zee and U (10683122) 7.00 Urdu Serial. Red Card (97593677) 8.00 News (66399696) 8.30 Antakshari (66301431) 9.00-12.00 Hindi FILM: Loafers (71943141)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT films as below.
9.00pm The Beast with Five Fingers (1946) With Peter Lorre (21221493) 11.00 Wicked, Wicked (1973) (45056702) 12.40am The Asphyx (1972). With Robert Powell (79704468) 2.20 The Hidden Hand (1942) (53948555) 3.35-6.00 Midnight at Madame Tussauds (1936) (36645371)

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Stadium contest at final stage

Wembley way challenged by Manchester

BY JOHN GOODBODY

WEMBLEY and Manchester were last night fighting to be the venue of England's first new national stadium for 73 years. Bradford, Birmingham and Sheffield, the other three contenders, had fallen behind. The decision will be announced today.

Most of the six football representatives on the ten-strong panel were backing a stadium at Wembley, scene of every FA Cup Final since 1923 and of England's triumph in the 1966 World Cup.

However, the representatives of the Sports Council, which will help to fund the venue with money from the National Lottery, were questioning whether the shareholding arrangements and the environment were adequate. One source said: "It is absolutely vital that the stadium we pick is a suitable Mecca for sport in the 21st century."

The plans at Wembley include knocking down the original stadium, which is becoming increasingly unsuitable for top-class sports events, and building a new, 80,000-seat arena. Wembley is seeking about £100 million of lottery funds for a stadium that is expected to cost £167 million.

The twin towers, on which there is a preservation order, would remain as a memory to a past which includes the 1948 Olympic Games and hundreds of football and rugby league internationals.

However, there was still concern yesterday whether the environs would be appropriate for a stadium which could be the centre-piece of an Olympic bid. Sadly, what was originally Wembley Park too often resembles a building-site.

As the group tried to achieve a consensus in its final formal and informal meetings, Manchester proved the leading rival to Wembley partly because the Sports Council has pledged to build an athletics facility in Eastlands to stage the 2002 Commonwealth Games. The Commonwealth Games Federation seems certain to give Manchester those Games when it meets in Bermuda on Friday.

The Government has already spent £30 million on preparing and levelling the ground for a stadium in the unsuccessful Manchester Olympic bid for 2000. The site, only two miles from the city centre, will cost £135 million, of which only £45 million will be required from the lottery. It also has the indoor velodrome as part of a 146-acre sports complex, while the new indoor Nynex Arena, in the city centre, is the biggest in Europe, with a capacity of 18,500.

It will be embarrassing for the British Olympic Association (BOA) if Manchester beats Wembley. After two failed Olympic bids, there is now an increasing belief that only London can get the Games.

Craig Reedie, the BOA chairman, made it clear two weeks ago to a House of Commons select committee that many members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) would prefer London to any other British city. However, it will be difficult for the BOA over the next 15 years to nominate any other city than Manchester if it is the venue for the national stadium.

Of all cities in England, Manchester must be the last to need a football stadium. Old Trafford, when building work is completed, will hold 55,000, which is adequate for Manchester United's home matches, friendly internationals and FA Cup semi-finals. As Manchester City are renovating Maine Road, it is unlikely that City will move into any new stadium.

The national stadiums steering group is led by Rodney Walker, chairman of both the Sports Council and the Rugby League. Of the six representatives from football, two are from the Football Association, which has a contract with Wembley for internationals until 2002. The other members are: Maurice Lindsay, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League; Professor Peter Radford, of the British Athletic Federation, and Derek Casey, the chief executive of the Sports Council.



The pride of English squash, from left, Simon Parke, Chris Walker, Del Harris and Mark Chaloner, who will line up at the world team championships in Cairo next month, took a bow at the British Museum yesterday. Photograph: Des Jeason. Report, page 46

Graham unlikely to face investigation

GEORGE GRAHAM, the former Arsenal manager, is unlikely to face further investigation from the football authorities, despite admitting he was involved in the deal that took Peter Schmeichel and Andrei Kanchelskis to Manchester United (John Goodbody writes).

Graham, who was banned from football for a year last July after being found guilty of misconduct, has said he recommended Rune Hauge, the Danish agent, to contact Old Trafford because he did not need the two players at Highbury.

However, the Premier League yesterday agreed with the Football Association that there was "nothing new" in Graham's statement.

Maurice Watkins, the Manchester United solicitor, said that the reaction of the club was one of "complete surprise. I have spoken to Alex Ferguson and the chairman, Martin Edwards, and no one at the club was aware of any involvement by George Graham in the transfers."

Malcolm struggles to stay on course

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN JOHANNESBURG

DEVON MALCOLM, who came to South Africa two weeks ago as the bowler England hoped would match the home side's firepower, is in the doghouse. In an extraordinary departure from the protocol of touring life, Raymond Illingworth, the England cricket team manager, and Peter Lever, the bowling coach, spelt out in explicit terms that Malcolm had better pull his finger out, or else.

"He is one of six seamers," Illingworth said, "and he has to show me that he is one of the best three of that lot. Everyone is dying to play and those who bowl the best will be picked." Illingworth denied that Malcolm, who is recovering from knee surgery three months ago, had ever been "an out-and-out favourite" to play, adding: "At the moment, he wouldn't frighten anybody."

Last week, Malcolm was reprimanded for not travelling to Springs with the team for the day-night match, and on Sunday he was packed off to Pretoria for nets when England finished off the Invitation XI innings. The game was abandoned without a ball being bowled yesterday after heavy overnight rain.

Malcolm's fall from grace has been dramatic, particularly as Michael Atherton, the captain, commends the overall mood of the party as "outstanding". Malcolm has refused even to try to put into practice Lever's attempts to streamline an action that is famously wayward.

To prevent Malcolm falling away in the delivery stride, Lever tried to get the bowler's "pathfinding" left arm closer to the vertical. From that, a straighter course should follow, pointing down the pitch instead of slipping towards the offside, and the bowler would be better balanced.

"The question is," Lever said, "do you stick with what you have got, and what you know? Or do you take a gamble? What I was trying to do with Devon was not a huge change, just to get him coming in straighter. But, like any change, you must have the confidence to go through with it. We have now accepted that he will bowl as he has done for the past ten years."

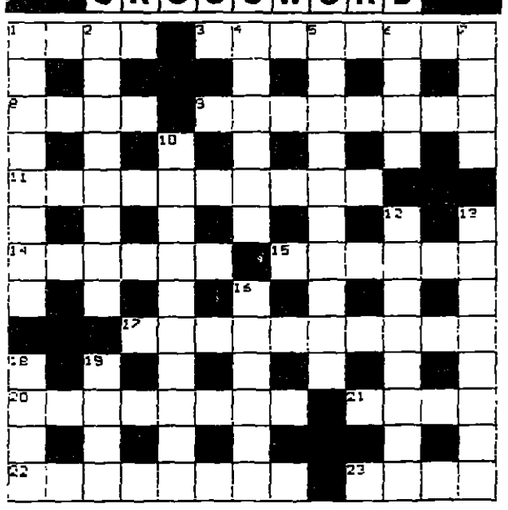
Lever admitted that he would have enjoyed getting hold of Malcolm as a 20-year-old sophomore, instead of the 32-year-old senior. "Devon has got one great asset — he is very sharp. If I were him I would have wanted to have been in every Test side of the last eight years. He has only been able to bowl as he has because of his strength."

England have two more four-day matches, in East London and Kimberley, before the first Test. Dominic Cork, Darren Gough and Peter Martin, who missed the game in Soweto, will play against Border later this week when Illingworth and Atherton will measure their form and, in Gough's case, fitness. So far the only fast bowler to take a first-class wicket on this tour has been Mark Ilott.

"Most people have made some form of contribution," Atherton, who may miss one of the next two games to enable all the batsmen to declare themselves, said. "We will try to give everybody an opportunity before the first Test, although Alec [Stewart] will play in all three first-class matches because he has not batted since breaking his finger in July." Robin Smith retains the captain's support despite his lack of form. "He is a big-match player," Atherton said, "and he will get maximum opportunity."

SCORES: England 332 and 282 for 5 dec. South African Invitation XI 210 and 29-1. Match drawn.

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ACROSS
1 Male/wild pig (4)
5 Imaginary (8)
8 Centre of apple, earth (4)
9 Sting-tailed arachnid (8)
11 Intensely excited state (5,5)
14 Bell-player; look-alike (6)
15 Long pace (6)
17 Pirate flag (5,5)
20 Oz city: Silly Billy's queen (8)
21 (Eg child) brought up (4)
22 Added (name) to register (8)
23 Promontory: beer froth (4)

DOWN
1 Have harmful repercussions (8)
2 Turning up (8)
4 Polar (6)
5 Exaggerated, humorous picture (10)
6 Willingly (arch.) (4)
7 Country way (4)
10 General melee (4-3-3)
12 Ladies' underwear (8)
13 Reduced in rank, efficiency, quality (8)
16 Thick, muddy sediment (6)
18 Whittle (4)
19 Rip; race (4)

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Hoaxer triggers alarm after a double too many

Julian Muscat in Melbourne on how the horse racing elite were taken for a ride

A HITHERTO unidentified English expatriate has become the talk of the town here after performing a hoax on members of the exclusive Victoria Racing Club (VRC).

Adopting what is evidently a popular pastime among Commonwealth citizens, David Perkin, once on the books of Stoke City as a professional footballer, spent five hours drinking whisky in exalted company after bluffing his way into the committee rooms at Moonee Valley racecourse on Saturday.

Perkin, 37, was feted every sip of the way when he passed himself off as a part-owner of Double Trigger, the Ascot Gold Cup winner, which represents Britain's best chance of victory in the Melbourne Cup, Australia's most prized horse race. However, as the alcohol took its toll, Perkin, who lives in Melbourne, surprised his hosts by lewdly declaring Double Trigger a certainty to win at Flemington a week today.

Among his victims was Andrew Peacock, a former leader of the opposition Liberal party, who unwiningly endorsed Perkin's credentials by insisting they had met on a previous visit to Britain. "There I was, fully expecting to be chucked out at any minute," Perkin said, "when Mr Peacock walked straight up to me and said: 'I know your face from somewhere.' I said: 'Yes, we met two years ago at Chester racecourse when I was with Robert Sangster'."

Peacock is the father of Jane Chapple-Hyam, whose husband, Peter, is one of Britain's foremost trainers. Peacock's estranged wife, Susan, later married and divorced Sangster, the flamboyant owner.

Perkin's ruse was only discovered the following day, when Les Benton, the VRC's racing manager, told fellow members that Ron Huggins, the real owner of Double Trigger, was not expected here until Thursday. But yesterday, Perkin was listening as a man, claiming to be the hoaxer, contacted a local radio station. "I was going to let the whole thing die down but this joker fired me up," he said. "He was definitely an Aussie, and as for the Scottish accent ... it was appalling."

When contacted by *The Times*, Perkin, whose identity remained a mystery to Melbourne's racing community, was still revelling in his derring-do. "If some Canadian can do it to our Queen, I'm sure I can do it to Andrew Peacock," he said. "I was amazed at how quickly the members introduced themselves. When I told one of them I admired his racing club tie, he immediately went off and brought one back for me as a souvenir."

In common with the Quebec prankster, Pierre Brassard, Perkin, from Macclesfield, who has lived in Australia for 15 years, has perpetrated several hoaxes. After gate-crashing a corporate sponsors' ball on the Gold Coast, he hobnobbed at length with Wayne Goss, the Queensland premier, and was presented with a case of port. He also walked into a $500-a-ticket celebrity function at the Formula One grand prix in Adelaide.

VRC members yesterday laughed off their embarrassment. "In the end it might have gone a bit too far," Perkin said. "I have apologised to the people concerned and they have all taken it in the right spirit. I'll be there for the Melbourne Cup [as a guest of the radio station], and if Double Trigger wins, I've told them to come down to Sherlock Holmes, my local bar, and I'll buy them all a drink."





Ron Huggins, left, and the impostor, David Perkin

Lewis camp sceptical of Bruno contract

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

A REPORT that Frank Bruno has signed to defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title against Mike Tyson in March was received with scepticism by Lennox Lewis's backer, Panos Eliades, yesterday.

Eliades has sought an injunction in the High Court to prevent the champion from meeting anyone else but Lewis who, according to Eliades, won the right to challenge Bruno first as a result of winning a WBC eliminator.

Eliades said that the court had asked to see the contract between Bruno and Tyson. "We are expecting it tomorrow from America," Eliades said. "I would be surprised if there is a contract. They [Bruno's camp] told us on Friday they had signed a contract to fight in July. Now they are saying it's March. We have not seen any WBC approval. Without WBC approval, it can't happen."

Eliades has been granted an interim injunction against the WBC to see that it does not change its ruling, made in Seville last year, which made Lewis mandatory challenger.

Eliades's application for an injunction will be heard on Thursday. He said: "If we are granted an injunction, the WBC would have to abide. The British Boxing Board of Control [WBC members] would have to see a British court's decision upheld." Frank Warren, however, insisted: "We had a contract a long time ago. I don't think the court can order anything."

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Emotive language divide dominates referendum decision over the fate of federal Canada

Quebec's voice of cultural pride urges voters to back breakaway

FROM TOM RHODES IN QUEBEC CITY

THERE is little love lost for *Les Anglos* at Chez Dagobert, a bar long the focal point for the youth of Quebec City.

From its ceramic table-tops to the banquettes surrounding the dance floor, this murky haunt outside the fortified city walls reeks of stale French cigarettes and separatism.

As Quebec went to the polls yesterday to decide whether the mainly French-speaking province would secede from Canada, patrons discussed the choice in stark terms. None had any time for Jean Chrétien, the Canadian Prime Minister and a Québécois. References to Mr Chrétien produced black looks and talk of turncoats.

"It's simple really," said Jean-Frédéric Laberge. "I want us to be a majority, 100 per cent Québécois. Now we can only control 40 per cent of the immigration here. We want to control the language for the French people."

"He's right, for the future of our country, he's right," chimed in Geneviève Lehouillier, 18, a student. "All we want is the same protection of our rights that English-speakers have in the other provinces of Canada."

Jodi Zipkin, a graduate of the English-speaking McGill University in Montreal, was upset. "I am just as much a Québécois as any of these people," she said.

Charles Dewhurst, his Irish heritage etched in his ruddy countenance, is an anglophone in theory, speaks little English and considers himself a true French-speaking Québécois. "It makes little difference," said Mr Dewhurst, who nevertheless voted for an independent Quebec. "If you have no money then you will always sleep in the same bed. You are still taxed whether you belong to Canada or not."

Across the Grande Allée, separatist sentiments echo around the Cosmos Café. The more middle-class Québécois maintain that their city can flourish only as the capital of a new country. The bottom line, however, is much the same.

"I want my children to grow up in a French culture which has spoken French for many years," said Jean-Pierre Gagnon. "I detest the American television and music which has been the diet of our youth for so many years. The rest of Canada is English, why should we be English too?"

Nearby are the Plains of Abraham, where General James Wolfe surprised the French army after scaling the cliffs from the St Lawrence River 236 years ago and brought to an end the dream of a budding New France before his death in battle.

For the French-speakers of Quebec City, the battlefield has always represented the seminal event in the rift between English and French-speaking Canada. For the Québécois, the clash on the bluffs below the old city is still known as "the conquest" and merits only passing mention in many of the French guide books to Quebec. Directions to the site are given grudgingly, and although the Musée de Quebec, pride of the city's museums, stands on the Plains of Abraham, many would prefer visitors to concentrate on the Musée du Fort, an exhibition which emphasises the events leading up to the British victory on September 13, 1759.

In the bars and restaurants of the old fortified city, French Canadians — they themselves shun such a title — talk of how "the English" are to blame for the current constitutional impasse. Had the English not suppressed their businesses and politics for two centuries, they maintain, separatism would not have flourished so readily. There was a time, they say, when descendants of Jacques Cartier, a fur trader who discovered Quebec, and the original French settlers were the only people to call themselves *Canadiens*. Pressure from the English-speaking majority forced them to hyphenate to French-Canadians. Only after the "quiet revolution" in the 1960s did they start calling themselves Québécois.

"Every time French Canadians were in trouble and relied on central government, the central government let them down," says Gilles Gougeon, a local journalist.

The majority of Quebec City's 165,000 residents speak little English and laws which ban the use of English signs have found their most extreme example in the city.

And yet the British influence persists. The Citadel, its ramparts and towers dominating the clifftop above the St Lawrence, was built by the British. Even the Hôtel de Parlement, the most visible symbol of Quebec nationalism, has lintels engraved VR.

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Death of James Wolfe, Benjamin West's painting



Jean Chrétien, the Canadian Prime Minister, makes an impassioned plea for unity

Republican vote bolsters Powell in blow to Right

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

COLIN POWELL received further encouragement to run for the presidency yesterday from a poll challenging the popular image of the Republican Party as so dominated by conservatives that it would never nominate a centrist.

As the Republican Right intensified its attacks on General Powell, the *New York Times* poll indicated he was the top choice of a third of all Republicans who expect to vote in the primaries. Eighty per cent of those Republicans did not consider themselves members of the religious Right. Only 6 per cent said that a candidate's views on abortion would determine how they voted, with 38 per cent describing themselves as pro-choice (in favour of abortion rights) and only 33 per cent against.

Clear majorities believed the Government had a responsibility to take care of those unable to care for themselves, that America should welcome immigrants, that laws against employment discrimination were necessary and one set of values should not be promoted over any other.

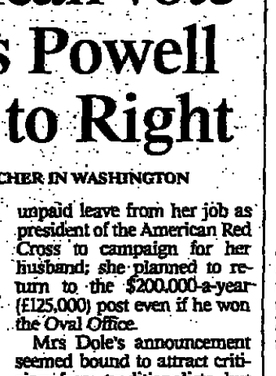
General Powell had a 43 per cent favourable rating among likely primary voters, higher than any of the declared candidates, and the poll also indicated that as the Republican nominee he would enjoy a solid lead over President Clinton of 50 per cent to 37 per cent. By contrast, Mr Clinton leads Robert Dole, the Republican frontrunner, by 49 per cent to 42 per cent. A separate poll of New Hampshire Republicans yesterday gave General Powell a big lead in the state, where the first primary is to be held, over Mr Dole. He had 33 per cent support, with Mr Dole on 18 per cent.

Elizabeth Dole said yesterday she was taking a year's unpaid leave from her job as president of the American Red Cross to campaign for her husband; she planned to return to the $200,000-a-year (£125,000) post even if he won the Oval Office.

Mrs Dole's announcement seemed bound to attract criticism from traditionalists, but she said the two jobs were complementary and that she felt "passionately" about what she was doing. In five years she has raised nearly $600 million and turned the Red Cross into one of America's best-run charities.

As General Powell neared a decision on whether to run, the Republican Right intensified its efforts to warn him off. A *Wall Street Journal* editorial yesterday said that he did not share the party's vision and concluded that "the man and the moment do not match".

In *The Washington Post*, the influential conservative columnist George Will posed 22 questions the general would have to answer before the Right would even consider supporting him. *Newsweek* magazine said former George Bush, the former President, is privately promoting a Powell candidature.



Powell: conservatives are trying to warn him off

Train fire in Baku blamed on bomb

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

A FIRE which swept through an underground train killing more than 300 people in Baku, the Azerbaijani capital, may have been caused by a bomb, an investigator said yesterday.

According to Azerbaijan's state television last night, a bomb hidden in one of the five carriages started the fire on Saturday in the train where trapped passengers died, mainly from suffocation. The report, which contradicted earlier official statements suggesting that a technical fault was responsible, could not immediately be confirmed. However, investigators are believed to be concentrating on a blackened hole in one of the carriages which may have been the site of the blast.

Earlier yesterday, as relatives of the victims mourned and buried their dead in Baku's central mosque, President Aliyev announced that preliminary findings suggested that equipment failure had caused the train to catch fire. None of the survivors so far interviewed has reported hearing an explosion, but it is possible that a quiet incendiary device was used.

If the allegations are true, the attack would rank as one of the worst terrorist acts in history. In the past 18 months some 20 people have died in two bombs on the underground railway in Baku.

The list of possible perpetrators is long. Azerbaijan has been involved in a long war with neighbouring Armenia for control of the enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Mr Aliyev, who has been accused of running an increasingly dictatorial regime, has many enemies within his country, where parliamentary elections are due to be held in less than two weeks.

Russia may lift ban on party

BY RICHARD BEESTON

THE Russian electoral authorities yesterday hinted that they may reconsider a ban on one of the country's most popular political movements taking part in December's parliamentary elections.

In a move to defuse a deepening political furore which threatened to provoke a boycott by the main democratic parties, the Central Electoral Commission said that a solution could still be found to allow the Yabloko faction to take part in the polls.

The crisis has taken on particular significance after allegations that hardliners in the Kremlin are attempting to manipulate the outcome of the elections while President Yeltsin remains bedridden in hospital recovering from a heart seizure last week.

Mr Yeltsin's wife, Naina, said yesterday that her husband was "feeling better", although on doctors' orders he is still unable to meet even his closest aides.

Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, said yesterday Mr Yeltsin was taking all important decisions.

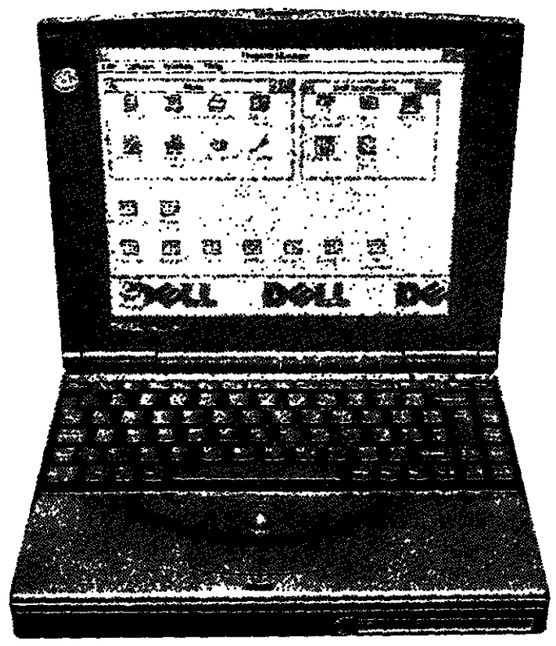
Aleksandr Ivanchenko, deputy chairman of the Central Electoral Commission, attempted to calm the political storm by promising that the Supreme Court could yet resolve the crisis over Yobloko's participation. "The situation is far from hopeless," he said. "If the Supreme Court discovers new circumstances in the case and recommends us to return to the issue, the commission will consider Yabloko's application again."

Russia was stunned at the weekend when the commission issued banning orders, citing irregularities regarding several candidates on the electoral lists of the ultra-nationalist Derzhava (Great Nation) movement as well as Yabloko, the country's second most popular party.

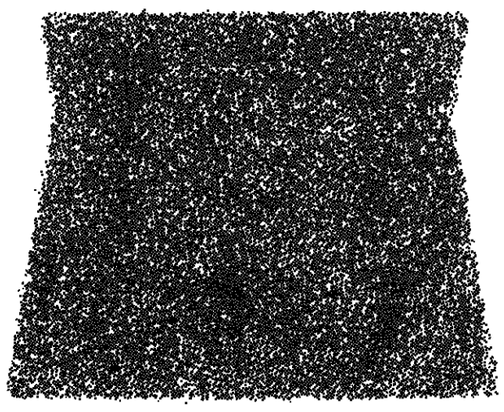
Mr Chernomyrdin described the decision as "ill-considered and harmful".

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Bernard Connolly, who is taking the Commission to the European Court, in front of a mural at the European Parliament building in Brussels

Legal challenge by Euro dissident to Brussels hardliners

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

BERNARD Connolly, the British EU official who has been treated as a dissident by the European Commission since he was suspended after denouncing monetary union in a book, is taking action against the Commission in the European Court.

After 17 years at the Commission, Mr Connolly has been barred from his office and other EU premises in Brussels. His photograph has been issued to security guards at some entrances and car parks.

Mr Connolly, 46, was suspended on half pay pending disciplinary proceedings after he published his insider's account of what he calls "the dirty war for the control of Europe's money". Now he has struck back at the Commission with a suit in the European Court demanding damages and the annulment of disciplinary proceedings against him.

Lawyers for Mr Connolly, who is still nominally the head of the Commission unit monitoring the European exchange-rate mechanism, also asked the Luxembourg court on Friday for an emergency injunction to halt what they said was a media campaign by the Commission to denigrate his character after he published *The Rotten Heart of Europe*, extracts from which were published in *The Times*.

The two-pronged legal action brings to the fore the question of whether civil servants of the European Union may be punished for going public with opinions that conflict with doctrines of the Brussels executive. In a parallel case last week Jacques Santer, the President, prevailed on Ritt Bjerregaard, the Danish Commissioner, to pulp all copies of a forthcoming book in which she presents her colleagues in an unflattering light. After issuing a humble apology, she has now slapped a writ on a Copenhagen newspaper for publishing her whole text. Officials distinguish between Mrs Bjerregaard's position as a political office-holder and that of Mr Connolly as a *fonctionnaire*, or public official, who is bound by a duty to discretion. However, supporters of Mr Connolly, including one of the main staff unions, say he has effectively been banished as a dissident.

> "Supporters, including a staff union, say that he has been effectively banished"

Mr Connolly's book has sold well in Brussels, Strasbourg and the other centres of Euro-power. Although regarded as an aberration by the mainstream Eurocracy, it has fed the doubts which multiplied around the Continent this autumn over the prospects of the monetary project at the heart of the Maastricht treaty.

The argument that monetary union was a sinister Franco-German scheme disastrous for the Union was greeted in Brussels as apostasy. The sense of betrayal initially prompted an outspoken riposte from the Commission. An angry Mr Santer and his lieutenants initially predicted the author's dismissal for his actions, before retreating into official silence.

Mr Connolly's suit claims that these statements, along with anonymous reports on his conduct, have prejudiced him, leaving him no alternative but to apply to the Court of Justice. A five-member tribunal is expected to hear his case around the end of the year. The maximum penalty would be a decision to sack Mr Connolly from his job as head of one of the 300 units and deprive him of pension rights. Commission sources say he is being investigated under charges that he breached a staff regulation which says officials shall not "publish without permission any matter dealing with the work of the Communities". A key line in the regulation states: "Permission shall be refused only where the proposed publication is liable to prejudice the interests of the Communities".

The case is clear-cut, say officials. Mr Connolly did not seek permission for publication when he took unpaid leave in the late spring and, they say, a book by a civil servant that attacks one of the central policies to which the Union is committed obviously breaches the rules.

Mr Connolly acknowledged on publication in September that he had not sought approval. His supporters say the crux of the case is whether an informed criticism of the project of monetary union does prejudice the interest of the Union. Comparisons with national civil services are erroneous, they say, because the Commission is a hybrid with ambiguous status.

According to the Union of European Civil Servants, the Commission has "pilloried" Mr Connolly for his views and suspended him without justification. Jos Depondt, the president of the Christian-led union, the number three body representing staff, said his organisation would back Mr Connolly's court action. "The man is being condemned in advance. There are human rights involved," he said. None of the other unions has supported Mr Connolly.

A small band of colleagues is discreetly backing him against what some depict as a tendency by the Commission since the time of the Maastricht treaty to enforce a belief-system on its staff. No quick decisions are likely to emerge from Mr Connolly's counter-offensive. The lower court at Luxembourg could take weeks to respond to the request for an injunction and probably years to decide on the request to declare the disciplinary proceedings null and void.

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Battle for peninsula produces biggest humanitarian crisis of war

Tamil villagers flee in panic as army advances on Jaffna

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN VAVUNIA, NORTHERN SRI LANKA

THE Sri Lankan Army is advancing on the town of Jaffna, headquarters of the Tamil Tigers, in some of the fiercest fighting of the 12-year civil war.

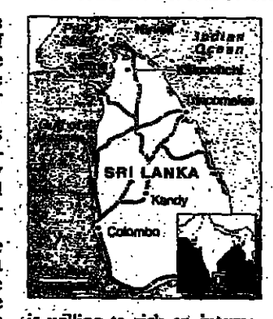
Casualties on both sides have been high. Many civilians have been killed by government shelling and bombing, which has hit residential areas of the town.

There is panic among the 600,000 Tamils on the Jaffna peninsula, half of whom have fled from their homes. The greatest humanitarian crisis of the war is in the making.

The Tigers, sensing that they will have to pull back, have moved their arms-making factories from the peninsula to northern areas of the mainland. They are fighting with determination, forcing the army's 35,000 men to battle for every yard.

The military controls more than 25 square miles of the peninsula. Its forces were yesterday under heavy artillery fire in the small town of Nirveli, five miles northeast of Jaffna town. The army claims to have captured Nirveli, and said 40 soldiers and 90 rebels died in the battle.

The decision whether to move into Jaffna town is a political one: the Government will have to decide whether it is willing to risk an international outcry if there are substantial civilian casualties.



Roman Catholic priests crossing from the peninsula into the northern town of Vavunia said yesterday that an exodus of the population was under way. Thousands are said to have left the peninsula; others are seeking shelter wherever they can.

Jaffna hospital has been hit and the peninsula's only surgeon amputated limbs from more than 40 people in 17 hours at the weekend.

The plight of civilians is already acute, with little food available. The monsoon has set in, making conditions even more miserable. Voluntary organisations have appealed to the Government to set up a safe area for refugees about ten miles southeast of Jaffna town. So far it has not responded. Most of those fleeing from the peninsula head for Kilinochchi, a small town ill-equipped to handle the influx.

The Tigers have laid huge numbers of mines. They are preparing to resist a final push by the army and have appealed for more recruits. Before all schools were closed a week ago, the Tigers appealed to students to take up arms. Recruits are aged from 14.

The Tamils on Jaffna are evidently terrified by the advancing of the soldiers, and are looking to the Tigers to save them from what they are convinced will be a massacre.

Sinhalese bitterness towards the Tamils has been running particularly high after massacres at three villages in northern Sri Lanka last week, in which more than 130 people died. The youngest of many Sinhalese children murdered by the Tigers was a girl of seven days, shot in the head by a boy.

The authorities have responded by supplying sophisticated weapons to village guards. Chinese-made rifles were being given yesterday to young men who grinned with delight. Until now they had only shotguns, all but useless against the Tigers.



A Sri Lankan soldier measuring a youth during a recruitment drive which began in Colombo yesterday amid the offensive on Jaffna, the Tamil Tiger stronghold

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nigerians sentenced to death

Port Harcourt: A Nigerian special court has sentenced five leaders of the opposition Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People to death for murder, acquitting four other members.

Ken Saro-Wiwa, the writer and movement's leader, and 30 other members were arrested in May last year and accused of killing four prominent Ogoni. The verdict against Mr Saro-Wiwa and the remaining defendants is expected today. *(AFP)*

Cult disbanded

Tokyo: The district court ordered the dissolution of the Aum Shinrikyo cult, and the liquidation of its assets, citing the Japanese sect's production of the Sarin nerve gas, used in the attack on the Tokyo underground on March 20.

Denial by Kim

Seoul: President Kim Young Sam of South Korea denied any involvement in a slush fund scandal that disgraced his predecessor, Roh Tae Woo, and indicated the former head of state would be brought to justice. *(Reuter)*

Manuscript sale

Berlin: The previously undiscovered German manuscript of Erich Maria Remarque's *All Quiet on the Western Front* will be auctioned in London on December 1, Sotheby's said. It could fetch up to £350,000. *(Reuter)*



Malan: murder charge

Immunity move by general

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

LAWYERS and leaders of South Africa's former apartheid Government held crisis talks yesterday to seek temporary immunity for General Magnus Malan, the former Defence Minister, and ten other ex-senior military officers who face murder charges.

It is hoped a meeting will take place between President Mandela and F. W. de Klerk, leader of the National Party and Second Deputy President, on Thursday, when the 11 men are due to appear in Durban Magistrates' Court.

General Malan, 65, was chief of the defence force from 1976 to 1980 and became Defence Minister in 1980. The murder charges relate to the 1987 killings of 13 people, including seven children, in KwaMakutha near Durban.

General Malan declared yesterday he was innocent and would prove it, but added: "By crikey, it's very bad to be connected to a situation like that." He said he had faith in the other former officers facing charges, declaring: "I know they didn't do it."

The case for temporary immunity is based on the precedent that a similar privilege was granted by the previous Government to 117 members of former anti-apartheid movements including Thabo Mbeki, the First Deputy President, and Joe Modise, the Defence Minister.

The white Right and the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party have said the decision to serve murder charges is an African National Congress ploy before tomorrow's local elections.

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Filipina maid to be given 100 lashes

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN

A FILIPINA maid in the United Arab Emirates had her death sentence commuted yesterday to 100 lashes, a year in jail and deportation after a deal to pay blood money to the family of her Gulf Arab employer. She stabbed him to death while he was raping her.

Filipinos were outraged and disappointed by the decision to flog her. President Ramos said that, although he welcomed the lighter sentence, he was surprised by the flogging. He added that his Government would appeal against the penalty.

The way was cleared for the death penalty to be commuted when the Emirates President, Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan al-Nahayan, convinced the victim's family to accept £26,000 in blood money contributed by a Filipino industrialist.

The plight of the maid, Sarah Balabagan, 16, like that of Flor Contemplacion, hanged in Singapore in March for a double murder, has brought an outcry about the working conditions of the hundreds of thousands of young Filipinos in domestic service abroad.

Initial relief in the Philippines at the verdict of the Islamic court turned to anger at the barbarity of the proposed punishment. Attempts by Emirates officials to defuse world reaction by claiming that attempts would be made to lessen the pain of the flogging, which is to be administered with a wooden cane, were to no avail.

A Gulf Arab diplomat said that the lashes would be administered on the girl's lower buttocks. Salman Lofti, one of Ms Balabagan's lawyers, said that the person administering the flogging would be required to hold a book under the arm to limit the force of each stroke. An Emirates official said: "They are usually done in a very light way."

The publicity has prompted international sympathy for the maid, who stabbed her 70-year-old employer 34 times.

Tanzanian polls in chaos

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

TANZANIA'S first multiparty polls were in chaos yesterday as the electoral commission declared void votes cast in Dar es Salaam, the commercial capital.

The move was made after complaints from the ruling party and a coalition of eight opposition parties, amid allegations of rigging and bribery. The commission was last night trying to salvage the elections in the rest of the country where 600 returning officers were unable to reach their stations when voting opened on Sunday. "The election for President and members of parliament for the Dar es Salaam region will be repeated next week," said Lewis Makame, the commission chairman.

His statement, made after voting had been extended by a day to try to cope with logistical problems, is likely to fuel calls from the opposition and the ruling party to abandon the elections altogether. This view is shared by some of the foreign countries that have donated £10 million for the elections.

However, such a move is likely to cause tension in Zanzibar, the island which, with Pemba, forms a federation with the mainland. The ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi party won the presidential and parliamentary elections held on the islands a week before voting on the mainland. The opposition has called for an interim government to be set up.

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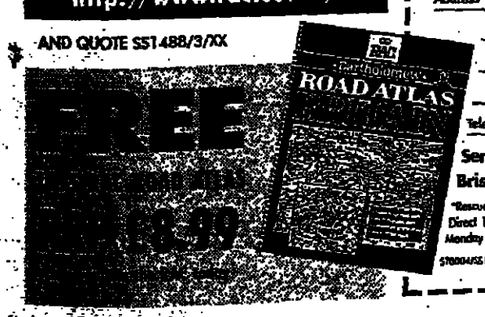
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What is missing from the political debate on whether to legalise soft drugs is hard medical evidence, says **Dr Thomas Stuttaford**

Who knows the truth about cannabis?

THE weekend's interview with Clare Short, a member of Labour's Shadow Cabinet, has reopened the debate about whether cannabis should be legalised. Tony Blair is not pleased and neither is *Dr Philip Robson, consultant psychiatrist* at Oxford's Chilton Clinic and senior lecturer in clinical psychiatry at the university. He is exasperated.

Dr Robson was a clinical pharmacologist before he became a psychiatrist, and having switched speciality, he has developed a special interest in the misuse of drugs. He has written a book, *Forbidden Drugs* (Oxford University Press), for the general reader. Dr Robson's opinions differ from those of another great Oxford expert on cannabis, the late Sir William Paton, who was professor of pharmacology at the university. Paton thought that cannabis was a very dangerous drug indeed and that its potential side-effects were under-rated. Conversely Dr Robson feels that future research is likely to show that its danger is associated with heavy and persistent rather than occasional use.

Dr Robson's complaint is that nobody knows who is right, because the basic scientific work on cannabis's effects in humans has never been done. Paton derived his knowledge mainly from retrospective studies of people and from animal research. There has never been any well organised trial of cannabis or its constituent chemicals, such as is done on drugs used in medicine. There is anecdotal evidence that cannabis can be useful in some cases of multiple sclerosis and terminal cancer, but these claims have never been subjected to a proper clinical assessment.



Paton and Dr Robson would both agree that cannabis can trigger a psychotic breakdown in a person who has predisposing factors. Dr Robson goes further and says that not only will the drug uncover a hidden potential to exhibit psychotic symptoms, but it will also make patients very much worse if they smoke cannabis when they already have psychiatric symptoms.

Even the physical effects of cannabis are largely uncharted. Paton's work demonstrated that in animals the drug taken in large doses is teratogenic, that is, it increases the number of abnormal foetuses, and also has an effect on the sperm count in the male. These changes haven't been conclusively demonstrated in humans and it is possible that an apparent increase in foetal abnormalities observed by doctors in their pot-smoking patients is a reflection not so much of teratogenic effects of the drug, as of the poor nutrition and chaotic lifestyle of the patient. However, Dr Robson believes that pregnant women would be most unwise to smoke cannabis.

It is interesting that the very people who proselytise the advantages of a green lifestyle are sometimes prepared to smoke herbal cannabis, disregarding the fact that four pure joints of it are probably the equivalent in carcinogenicity to 20 cigarettes. Pot smokers, like tobacco smokers, are also at an increased risk of developing cancer of the mouth, larynx and the upper respiratory airways.

Dr Robson thinks it unlikely that further political debate will alter entrenched positions. He would settle for a change in academic thinking on the need for a scientific approach to the study of cannabis. When the facts are known, Dr Robson says the politicians should address the question again.

Hope for a life free of seizures

Brain surgery can be the answer for some epileptics, says **Dr Adam Zeman**



PET brain scan during a fit

THE initials "H.M." are probably the most famous in psychology. They belong not to a scientist but to a patient. In 1953 H.M., then 27 years old, underwent surgery in Vancouver to relieve severe epilepsy. The operation involved the removal of parts of both temporal lobes of his brain, the regions which rest upon the sturdy bones encasing the inner ear. The surgery helped his seizures, but had another, unforeseen result. H.M. lost the ability to acquire new memories.

Since then H.M. has collaborated fruitfully with several generations of memory researchers. But his unhappy experience did not spell the end of epilepsy surgery. In a small and carefully selected group of patients, surgery to remove part of one or other temporal lobe has become a remarkably effective treatment for troublesome seizures, with little threat to memory.

After referring to H.M. in a previous article (*The Times*, June 5) I received a gentle rebuke from a young patient in the Midlands who had recently undergone successful surgery. She had been delighted by the striking alleviation of her long-standing, drug-resistant seizures, and was worried that the tale of H.M.'s almost unique amnesia might discourage potential candidates from an operation which has transformed her life. Following such surgery it is common to experience complete or substantial remission from seizures which may have been occurring several times a day.

The explanation for why the unlikely expedient of removing part of the brain can treat epilepsy goes to the heart of neurology. Our current picture of the brain depicts it as a magnificent signalling system. Signals from the senses are analysed, integrated and transformed into signals to our muscles. These convey the coded recipes for all our words and deeds. The signals rely on two kinds of messenger: electrical pulses passing along the billions of nerve fibres, and chemical pulses at the junctions between one fibre and the next.

The pattern of electrical activity in a normal waking brain is both orderly and complex. Epileptic fits occur when the elaborate rhythms of the active brain are replaced by repetitive synchronised discharges, and the hum of countless neuronal conversations — on which experience and behaviour normally depend — becomes a monotonous roar.

The seizures that result come in many shapes and sizes, some unmistakable, others subtle and easily missed. The key distinction is between generalised attacks which involve the entire brain, and focal seizures in which the epileptic activity is confined to a given region.

At least one in 20 of us will have a fit at some time. If we have more than one we have shown the tendency to recurring seizures that defines epilepsy. For the majority of sufferers, epilepsy is a temporary and manageable problem: most will either cease to have seizures spontaneously, or remit on treatment.

Simple precautions are sometimes effective. Late nights and alcohol are avoidable, in principle at least. Those with "photosensitive" epilepsy can steer clear of discotheque strobes and flickering screens. But the mainstay of treatment is a growing family of drugs which modify either the electrical or the chemical aspect of signalling in the brain, damping down its excitability.

A small minority of patients will respond poorly to drug treatment. Their seizures sometimes become chronic and disabling, as in the cases of H.M. and my young correspondent. One of the commonest causes is the presence of an epileptic focus in the temporal lobe. For reasons that remain poorly understood the temporal lobes are particularly vulnerable to damage and, once damaged, particularly liable to give rise to epilepsy. A structure lying on the inner surface of the lobe plays a pivotal role: the hippocampus, named after its resemblance to a sea-horse. Besides their talent for causing mischief if they are damaged, the hippocampi enable us to acquire new memories: hence H.M.'s postoperative amnesia.

The history of surgery for seizures extends well into the 19th century. In 1879 William Macewen, in Glasgow, operated on a patient with "focal motor" seizures, and successfully removed a small tumour pressing on the motor area of the brain. But the importance of the deep structures of the temporal lobes was not appreciated until the 1950s when Murray Falconer, a London neurosurgeon, and Wilder Penfield, a Canadian surgeon, began to provide evidence for the key role of the hippocampi in some cases of drug-resistant epilepsy.

Surgery on the damaged temporal lobe offers complete or substantial relief from seizures in more than two thirds of affected patients, provided that the candidates for surgery are selected with scrupulous care. Those who do best are teenagers and young adults, in whom one temporal lobe contains an epileptic focus while the other is healthy. If evidence from electrical recording, brain scanning and memory testing all converges on this conclusion, the outlook is excellent. If not, the risks of a poor result rise steeply. Catastrophes among carefully selected patients are rare: this surgery will induce a stroke in about one patient in 100.

The temporal lobes are vulnerable to brain damage

Removing a brain area with a key role in memory could interfere badly with thought processes, and indeed in some patients there will be a measurable decline in memory. This is usually small, presumably because the affected hippocampus has not pulled its weight for some time, and its partner on the other side of the brain can compensate for its loss. But in general the gains — intellectual, educational, social and professional — well outweigh the losses caused by surgery. H.M.'s disastrous amnesia, caused by removal of both temporal lobes, virtually never occurs.

There is one proviso, which applies to many successful treatments for chronic disorders. Bad epilepsy becomes one of the dominant features of a sufferer's life and adjusting to health can prove surprisingly difficult. This creates an argument for operating early where surgery is suitable, before habits and aspirations have been moulded by the pressures of frequent attacks.

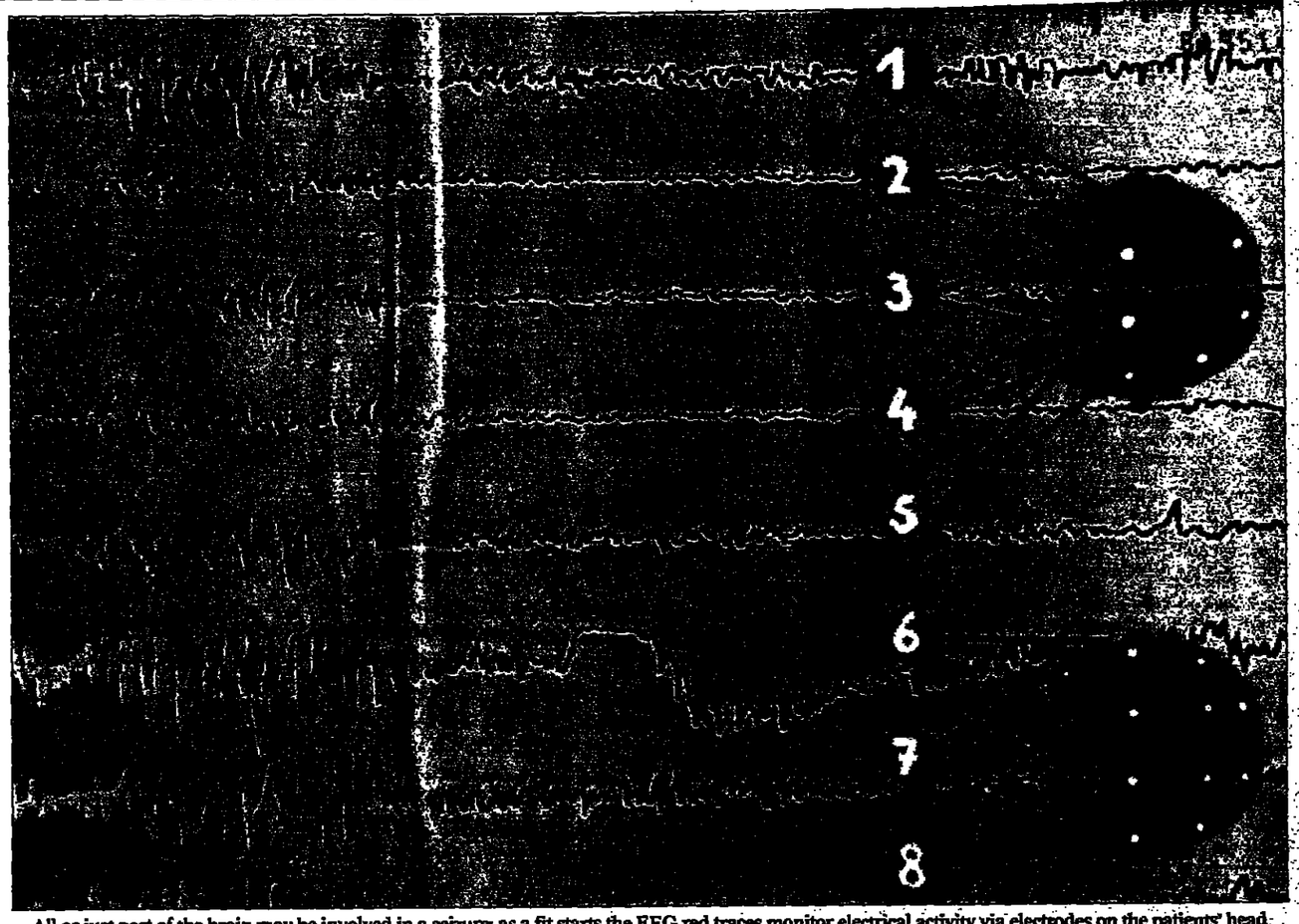
A number of other operations, besides surgery on the temporal lobes, are valuable in treating some even rarer causes of refractory seizures. A very few patients can be helped little by either drugs or surgery. But the reassuring message from the study of epilepsy in the community at large is that it is usually a manageable and transient disorder. Neurosurgeons need rarely be called on to treat the "sacred disease". When they are needed, as the young woman from the Midlands found, they ply a healing trade.

● *Further information from the British Epilepsy Association, Anstey House, 40 Hanover Square, Leeds LS3 1BE (freephone 0800 309030).*

ALL our brains have the potential for epilepsy. Its causes are as varied as its types. They include:

In children:
- Inherited defect
- Quirks of brain development

In adults:
- Alcohol withdrawal
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- Stroke



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All or just part of the brain may be involved in a seizure: as a fit starts the EEG red traces monitor electrical activity via electrodes on the patients' head

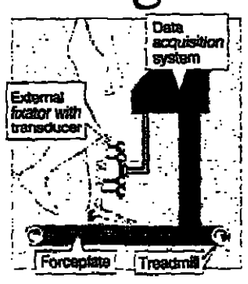
A treadmill can show if a fracture is healing

Quicker fix for a broken leg

After several weeks of milking sympathy, watching daytime television and having rude messages scrawled on to your itchy plaster cast, the novelty of a broken leg wears off. But imagine how frustrating it is to go through all that only to discover that the bone has not mended properly. Now researchers in London are developing a machine to predict early on whether the tibia, or shin bone, will heal naturally or whether a patient is destined for the operating table.

Normally, broken bones start mending immediately. A blood clot accumulates in the gap between the broken ends, and large cells called macrophages invade the site to remove damaged cells. A mesh of connective tissue is then laid down, and the bone gradually rebuilds itself. For the tibia, this feat of biological reconstruction takes about six months from start to finish.

This goes awry, however, in about a tenth of the 50,000 annual cases of tibial fractures. "Union, or the joining together of the bone ends, depends on the blood supply," says Professor Sean Hughes, head of orthopaedics at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in Hammersmith, west London. "The supply to the tibia is quite poor, because not many muscles are attached to it." The patients most at risk are those who suffer open (or compound) tibial fractures, where the shin bone breaks through the skin and ruptures the blood supply. This happens in a fifth of all tibial fractures.



A clinical examination and X-rays can give a hint from about six weeks after fracture whether healing has started. "But this is imprecise," says Professor Hughes. "Once the bone is not being used, it starts losing its inherent strength. We need to know quickly whether healing is not going to take place, so that we can perform a bone graft or insert a nail."

External fixators, which clamp the bone together, can be used instead of plaster to encourage healing. A fixator looks like a metal comb with four teeth. Each tooth is a strong steel pin, which is screwed into the broken bone to hold it in place. Built-in sensors show how much weight the fixator is bearing. As the bone heals, the load on the fixator goes down and the weight borne by the leg goes up.

Some patients, however, can disguise a lack of weight-bearing and a lack of healing with a limp. So as the fixator load decreases, doctors wrongly assume the leg is healing. Dr Edward Draper, a biomechanical engineer working with Professor Hughes, has found a way around this problem. He has adapted a treadmill by putting a metal plate underneath the conveyor belt. The patient then walks on the treadmill. "Comparing the load on the fixator with the load on the plate allows us to see if healing really has started," says Dr Draper.

Preliminary tests suggest that doctors can discover in three weeks if the bone is healing well, three weeks earlier than the healing process begins to show on X-rays.

Dr Draper's fixator could be modified to assess fractures of other long bones, although the tibia is the most problematic. Formal clinical trials will start by the end of the year. The group, funded by a £70,000 grant from Action Research, expects conclusive results within two years.

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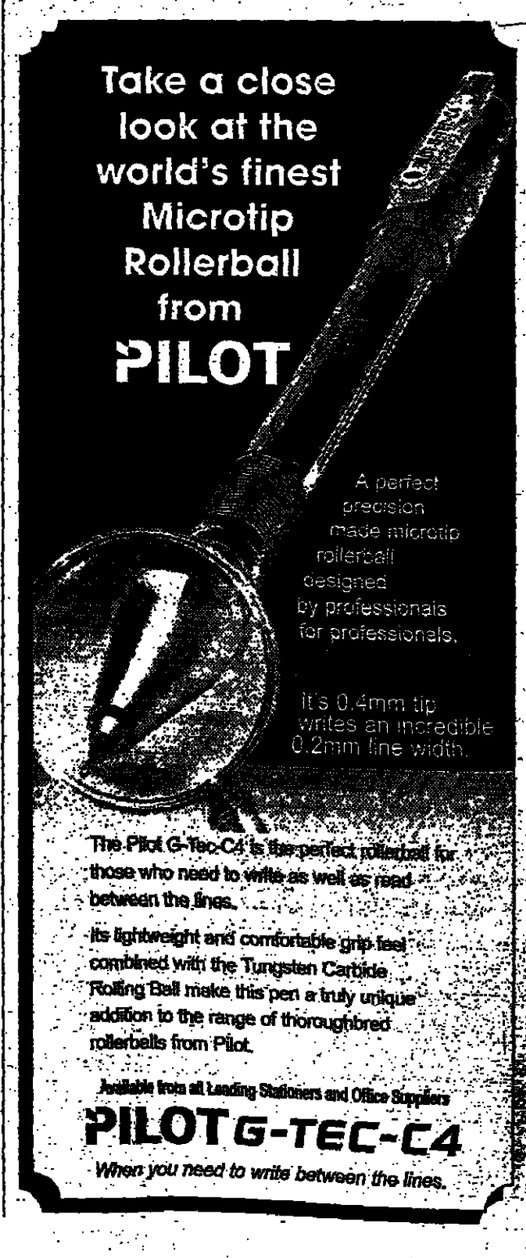
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R. W. Johnson meets James Gregory, the jailer who became Nelson Mandela's close friend

My prisoner, my president

As you sit opposite James Gregory in his modest Cape Town house, with pictures of him in uniform and his school swimming certificates framed on the wall, it is difficult to believe that the soft-spoken and gentle man in front of you was Nelson Mandela's jailer for 20 years. Ever since Mandela invited Gregory and his family as guests of honour to his presidential inauguration, it has dawned on the media that Gregory knows Mandela better than anyone else in the world and he has been endlessly pestered for tit-bits about the great man. Gregory has now tried to dispose of his burden by writing a book — *Goodbye, Bafana. Nelson Mandela, My Prisoner, My Friend* (Headline, £17.99) — but the effect is merely to make you as interested in the author as in his ward.

Nothing quite touches the drama of Gregory's first meeting with Mandela, then working in slave labour conditions in the searing light and heat of the Robben Island lime quarry, scene of many a fearful atrocity. Prisoners were beaten and abused and had dogs set on them. One man, as a punishment, was buried up to his neck in sand and then had a warder urinate in his face. It was here that Gregory met Mandela, standing tall in his prison shorts and sandals, his whole body, says Gregory, a statement that "I am a leader. You will not intimidate me". Mandela greeted Gregory with a firm good morning and "Welcome to Robben Island" and Gregory, before he knew it, slipped into the Zulu greeting he had not used since childhood, a mark of respect which left Mandela stunned.


STEPHEN CLARKE

James Gregory was congratulated by one South African minister as "the man who took the hatred for the white man out of Nelson Mandela"

For *something in Mandela*, the lost leader in the slave quarry, and then the ultimate outcast, struck a deep chord in Gregory, himself a natural loner and outsider. As a child Gregory's father and grandmother had been incarcerated in a British concentration camp during the Boer War. Despite this ultimate mark of Afrikaner martyrdom, Gregory's English-sounding name led to his being bullied as an English *rooinek* (redneck) at his Afrikaans school. He writes bitterly of a lonely and friendless childhood and of frequent violence in which he was badly let down by parents, teachers and peers. His only real friend was his Zulu playmate, Bafana — thanks to whom Gregory grew up speaking Zulu and Xhosa.

Looking back now, Gregory feels he was moulded largely by this idyllic friendship with Bafana and the sympathy it gave him with blacks; then moulded by the ferociously [illegible] indoctrination he received at school and finally settled back into harmony with his earlier self by his long friendship with Mandela. Mandela, for his part, was equally affected by Gregory, for he learnt that there could be real warmth and kindness in an ordinary non-political white. Later, Gregory was congratulated by one minister as "the man who took the hatred for the white man out of Nelson Mandela", while Mandela has been reproached by some of his more radical followers for treating whites as if they were all "a race of James Gregorys".

For many years Gregory was the prison censor, giving him an intimate knowledge of the private lives of those in his charge. He decided that it was not his job to spy on Mandela and his comrades, so he refused to talk to anyone at all about the confidences and insights he gained into their lives. After all, he argued, these men were not criminals but were in jail for a cause. This attitude led to friction with the prison authorities and to furious resentment among the other warders of Gregory as a "nigger-lover", which resulted in not a few punch-ups. Gregory never shirked a fight and earned their wary respect with his fists. But as word quietly spread among the media of his special relationship with the world's most famous political prisoner, he was offered large bribes to tell all — or even just for a photograph. These offers came, he reckons, at a rate of about two a month down the years. He refused them all and admits in private conversation that he still retains a store of secrets and confidences which are not in the book and which he will never reveal. This may or may not include knowledge of how Mandela's memoirs came, in part, to be illicitly written in jail, or of how Mandela managed to smuggle out messages.

Gregory is frequently questioned about Mandela's relationship with his wayward wife, Winnie — he had to sit in and overhear all her prison visits with Mandela down the years. She does not come well out of his accounts, though Gregory refuses to criticise her and professes a great admiration for her courage. Mandela, he says, always refused absolutely to discuss his wife with anyone at all and whenever he heard of her latest misdemeanour would merely tell Gregory — well, order him, really — to telephone that minute to get her to come right away. The record of her recalcitrant interviews with her husband makes sad but not unexpected reading.

One fact was crucial, that Mandela felt that even to attempt to escape would mean seeking an individual route out of a collective fate, a sort of impermissible running away. This meant that Gregory never really needed to be forced into his jailer role, particularly since Mandela was a model prisoner, not merely studious but always, as Gregory puts it, "a perfect gentleman".

> 'Nelson was a model prisoner, always the perfect gentleman'



Mandela, for his part, always referred to Gregory as Mr Gregory — thus avoiding the use of his rank but also avoiding the use of his first name: it is only since his release that Mandela has called him James. Their friendship was tragically cemented by the grief they shared at both having young sons killed in car accidents — indeed, the most moving passages in the book are those in which Mandela helps guide Gregory through his loss.

Gregory is an obstinately apolitical man but confesses that he voted "for Nelson" (rather than the ANC) last year, although never in 20 years did Mandela once ask for his support. Ultimately, Gregory was not only driving Mandela on secret trips all over the Cape but was arranging sessions for the whole ANC executive to come and spend all day discussing strategy with Mandela in jail, with Gregory looking after their needs like a good butler.

Gregory reveals that Mandela was so much in charge by the end that he actually turned down De Klerk's wish to release him sooner, in order to allow the ANC more time to prepare for the occasion. When the time came for Mandela to stride into the sunlight with Winnie, free at last, the tables had turned to the point where Gregory gave Nelson the ANC clenched fist salute and found himself calling him "sir".

Listening to James Gregory talk about Mandela you cannot help feeling that the magic of the relationship was that at last Gregory had found not only a real friend but someone he could look up to. Sometimes, as he talks, he slips from talking of "my association with Mandela" to "my life with Nelson", but he does not presume on the relationship and never telephones the President. Even in jail they often spent happy evenings together reading side by side in silence.

Gregory tried for a while to continue with the prison service after Mandela's release but soon packed it in for early retirement: things could never be the same "after Nelson".

Gregory's faith in Mandela has in no way dimmed since his release. He has faith in the Government, faith in the new South Africa. "We are going through hiccups," he says, "but it will come right."

As he talks, his daughter, Natasha, pads down the corridor and smiles happily when her father mentions that she is Mandela's goddaughter. They are a strongly Christian family and Gregory is a little surprised when I point out that Mandela is not — "well, in prison he always went to church, always". One mystery remains: long after Gregory assimilated Mandela to the image of his beloved Bafana, the lost comrade of his youth, he has still not been back to find Bafana. Partly this is just a fear of trying to go back, of disturbing an idyll, of ruining a precious memory. "Maybe next year," he says, "when this awful book business is over, I will do that. But meanwhile I hope Bafana reads my book — and I know Nelson will."

Political incorrectness

Why do we expect our leaders to mouth platitudes?



NIGELLA LAWSON

THE reality experienced by the politician is, we know, rather more virtual than anything the computer programmers can come up with.

Anyone who has ever met a politician out of uniform knows that once they've taken their boots off they can believe any number of things that their manifesto says they shouldn't, or that the Opposition says they should, or that they would deny absolutely believing were John Humphrys to put it to them at the microphone the next morning.

Most of the time this political virtual reality is invisible to the rest of us because we are not quite sure what the non-virtual reality is like. Because most of us don't really understand the minutiae of economics, for instance, we can't be sure whether everything Kenneth Clarke and Gordon Brown say about economics is driven by honest belief or by the random economic hypotheses according to which political parties construct their party lines.

But then once in a while something happens which reflects the virtual view of something we do know about, and then you can see the whole creaking, clanking edifice for what it is.

I have seen Labour and Tory politicians sit down together at dinner, chortlingly trying to best each other with stories of their constituents' relative ghastliness. And I know, too, of MPs of both parties who have smoked cannabis and who still, from time to time, do.

Given the number of MPs who were at university in the Sixties, this is hardly surprising. Now, up to a point I can understand why they don't stand up in the House to announce this. Up to a point I can even understand the mild hypocrisy which says that you and I can puff at an occasional joint safely enough but that it's probably not a good idea to let our train drivers and bank managers and housebuilders giggle their way through the working day.

But then Clare Short comes along, makes a couple of vague statements about the way she might one day possibly consider talking about the legalisation of cannabis, and suddenly the virtual reality goggles are slipped over the eyes of the Cabinet and the Shadow Cabinet and some of the more excitable leader writers.

The Home Secretary pops out of his box to say that Ms Short's hesitant ruminations have "shown once again what lies behind the mask of new Labour": the Labour leader leaps out of his just as quickly to point out that Labour policy is immutable on the matter of soft drugs: the editors remake their front pages to explain that all this represents a complete threat to Shadow Cabinet discipline.

Now, nowhere is it decreed that the duty of every member of the Cabinet, or Shadow Cabinet, is to have the selfsame view of things. The point is surely to realise that personal disagreement must sometimes be quashed in favour of the consensus (and sometimes not) not that the dissenting thoughts mustn't be entertained. Ms Short anyway made it very clear that the views she expressed were her own personal ones and not in any way representative of the party. To pretend she hadn't made that clear is disingenuous and opportunistic. But I suppose that's where journalists come in.

WHAT the episode shows us is that modern party politics isn't about the realities of British life, about finding ways to run the country more efficiently or more humanely or more profitably. Rather it shows that politicians are engaged in some mad formalised dance where the rules about what they say and appear to believe have evolved into an arcane and arbitrary game.

Michael Howard doesn't believe that the Shadow Cabinet is in turmoil or that Ms Short represents the Shadow Cabinet view; he does know, though, that according to the rules of the game if Ms Short says something which the rules determine she shouldn't say, he's allowed to pick up a card from the centre of the board which says "Claim Opposition disarray: move up polls one percentage point".

Being a game, of course, it makes it easy for the spectators to follow. Whether it makes for better government is, of course, another matter.

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Woody's biggest gamble

Quentin Letts on Allen's latest film about adoption and lust

Woody Allen is doing a passable imitation of a crocodile's dentist. His new film, which opened in America last weekend, is about adoption, lust and mix-ups with children. This from a man who three years ago had a horribly public separation from Mia Farrow after an affair with her adopted daughter Soon-Yi, and lost a court struggle for shared custody of their children.

It is as if the crocodile's dentist had invited his patient to "bite down please" before jumping out of the way.

The film, *Mighty Aphrodite*, has been pummelled by the critics and has enraged fashionable thought. "Cramped and meanspirited ... one of Allen's weakest films in years ... disturbingly shallow in its moral perceptions," cried the *New York Daily News*. "Mean, crude," said the *News Tribune*. *Newsday* thought Allen was "trying too hard" and summed up the enterprise as "everything you ever wanted to know about Woody, by Woody, for Woody". This from the *Boston Herald*: "Art imitates life, and the viewer cringes."

The Spence-Chapin adoption agency was enraged by the film's plot, which has a middle-aged man (Allen) tracking down the mother of his adopted son, only to discover that she is a prostitute and a porn actress. The agency called for demonstrations outside a Manhattan cinema where the film has opened, a spokeswoman saying: "We are going to have signs and T-shirts saying 'Woody Allen Degrades Adoption and Women'. This is very harmful to adoptive children who worry what their birth parents are like."



Woody Allen, Helena Bonham-Carter in *Mighty Aphrodite*

But had she seen the film? The mother/tart (Mira Sorvino) is, in fact, thoughtful and caring, but simply could not cope with the baby. She actually comes out of the movie rather better than the other woman, Allen's screen wife Amanda (an on-form Helena Bonham-Carter).

Crossest of all was Maureen Dowd, a syndicated newspaper columnist: "What makes Allen so irretrievably creepy is the way he keeps revising his image in his movies while denying that his movies are about himself. *Mighty Aphrodite* reminded me of a campaign film."

Allen's films are undoubtedly influenced by his personal experience, but they are also humorous and can be enjoyed without reference to the Allen biographical file. *Mighty Aphrodite* is an engaging comedy, a satire on the way some modern couples treat children almost as a convenience store purchase. This has been ignored by the critics, as has the fact that the crumpled marriage portrayed in the film is a reflection of too many relationships these days.

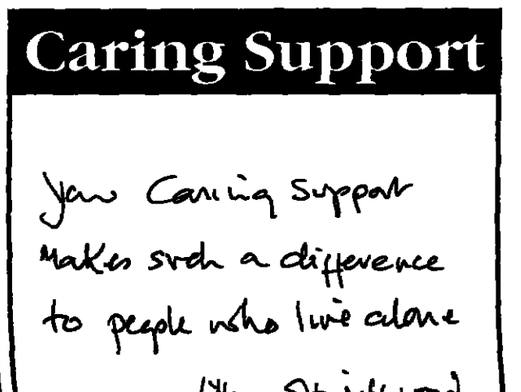
Moments in the film include vintage Allen comedy, such as when the classical Greek-style chorus archly clasps its collective breast and makes an impassioned plea to Zeus. Down comes the metallic, nasal reply from Olympus: "Hi. This is Zeus. I'm out at the moment, but please leave a message after the tone."

If the critics were to be honest they would admit that this film has been attacked because liberal New York is uncomfortable with the way its most talented movie maker has conducted his private life. Allen's declaration that he first thought of this story years ago has not stopped his opponents attributing to him motivations that other artists would justifiably find wounding.

Not for the first time, however, the *bien pensants* may have made a wrong call. They boobed badly with Kevin Costner's *Waterworld* (popular, despite a critical drowning), and when I went to see *Mighty Aphrodite* on its first day there was an indication that they may again have misjudged the public mood. As the end credits started rolling, the audience broke into cheers and applause. You could almost hear Allen ask: "You mean they liked it?"

● Mighty Aphrodite *will be shown at the London Film Festival on November 8.*

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What sort of union do *we* want?

What can Britain learn from Quebec, asks **Magnus Linklater**

The Canadian novelist Mordechai Richler has called Quebec's referendum the most unnecessary crisis in the world. It was an odd remark for a man who has spent the last 20 years commenting wittily, caustically, occasionally bitterly on French separatism and its implications for his native province. Most crises are unnecessary, but that doesn't stop them happening. This one had been boiling up for so long it would have been against nature for it not to have come to a head.

Quebec's crisis has concentrated minds in Britain for anyone who takes an interest in nationality and the constitutional debate. In Scotland it has been of huge significance, claimed by nationalists and devolutionists alike as bolstering their causes. They differ in their assessment of the parallels, but agree that the result has a heavy bearing on the debate about a Scottish parliament. Unionists, on the other hand, have declared this off-limits. John Major himself set the tone earlier this year, when he declared himself uncompromisingly against change: "If you want to live in a country with high taxes, high unemployment, limited economic opportunities and an uncertain relationship with your major trading partners, if you want to live in a place like Quebec, vote for nationalism." That statement has subsequently had to be modified, if only because it emerges that Quebec has lower taxes and unemployment than Scotland.

> Scotland wants devolution, not full separation

But Quebec has less bearing on Scotland in the United Kingdom than on Britain in Europe. The parallels are closer; it's just that voters have not so far been allowed a direct say in the matter. If it ever did come to a referendum on Europe, the arguments about economic isolation and the virtues of a larger union would be remarkably similar. However, just as in Quebec, they might be decided on emotional grounds rather than by the force of economic logic. Quebec's crisis became unavoidable because despite all economic and political arguments to the contrary, the emotional imperative of a people searching for a stronger expression of their own national identity became too strong to ignore. That might yet happen here.

If it did, the arguments would become testing. The logic of John Major's anti-Quebec case, after all, is that we should curb our nationalistic instincts and opt for immersion in the greater trading area of Europe — none of us, after all, wants "an uncertain relationship with our major trading partners". By extension, he would presumably claim that nationalism is dangerous and divisive. But mainstream Tory opinion has always held that Britain needs to maintain its national identity, to stay clear of the dead hand of federalism, and prevent the erosion of British institutions by Brussels bureaucracy. Not for nothing does he claim common cause with Jacques Chirac on the need to form a "Europe des patries".

This of course is precisely the case that Quebec has been arguing with reference to the Canadian federation. The province wants freedom to exercise its separate language, separate traditions, to express the fierce pride it has in its own institutions. So does Britain. Yet in some ways the Quebecois have less reason to grumble. Canada has used only the loosest of reins in dealing with the Quebec government, and has listened far more closely to its grievances than Brussels does to Westminster. It has welcomed Quebec's separate culture and made it part of the modern Canada. It has adopted French as a dual language, has had two French-Canadian Prime Ministers, has allowed Quebec to raise its own taxes and handle its own affairs without interference. Yet still the Quebecois wanted more.

Britain, by contrast, finds its grievances regularly rejected by Brussels, its laws overturned, its institutions eroded by centralised decisions. The crisis should be in London, not Montreal. A decision about a single currency, when and if it comes, might just force the case for a referendum. It will have little to do with the fiscal arguments and a lot to do with national pride.

But it is not only Tories — Eurosceptic or Europhile — who may find the Quebec parallel delicate. Labour too is presented with some intellectual difficulties when it comes to reforming the UK constitution. For despite currently enjoying far more autonomy than Labour plans for Scotland, half of the Quebec population still yearns for full independence. They have known wealth, tolerance, a liberal regime, but none of these has apparently proved enough. For those who argue the "slippery slope" case — that devolution simply acts as an incentive for a greater degree of autonomy — Quebec seems to be persuasive evidence. The Scottish Nationalists are poised to make maximum capital out of it.

However, there is a crucial difference. Scots, unlike the Quebecois, have never favoured independence. In poll after poll they have voted unequivocally for devolution: a separate parliament, but a continued union. They have had just as long to listen to the debate as voters in Quebec, and time after time they have voted for the devolutionist parties (Labour and Liberal Democrats) which have offered them a halfway house, rather than for the breakaway party (the SNP), which proposes full separation.

So if there is an overriding lesson from Quebec, it is that the wishes of the voters, when clearly spelt out, cannot for ever be ignored. They can be deflected, or deferred, but sooner or later they have to be confronted. Logic may persuade people up to a point, but it will generally will in the face of conviction. And that is as true for Britain and Europe as it is for Scotland and the UK.



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Society under sedation

A nation of potential addicts cannot afford to legalise cannabis

A good joke, that the MP who tried to make Page 3 pin-ups illegal should want to make cannabis legal. Which leads on to worse excesses, mammaries or marijuana? But I did not come to mock: Clare Short is an honest woman if ever there was one. Ask what she thinks, and she'll tell you. This is attractive and commands respect. It really was not fair of Frostie, interviewing her in her shiny new role as transport spokesman, to switch the points and send her crashing into the buffers of drug law. Inevitably, she spoke her mind; and like many other good minds, including those of police, doctors and judges, hers is inclining towards changes in the law on cannabis.

For, as her Conservative colleague Alan Duncan also points out, prohibition is not working. Three million people, maybe more, roll the odd joint; there is a patent danger in the fact that every time they light up they place themselves on the wrong side of the law, the same side as the more obviously lethal hard-drug culture. For the casual user, especially the young one, it is as if the occasional slice of chocolate cheesecake were to bring you into complicity with an international crime ring and leave you open to blackmail. Outlawing cannabis outlaws an awful lot of people, who may well, particularly if young, tend to the view that you might as well hang for a sheep as a lamb. So they try something stronger.

All Clare Short actually said was that "we should not be cowards"; that we must face these truths and "see if we can't organise the whole thing better". In a properly intellectual, unhysterical context, such a mild suggestion would cause little stir. There is a problem about cannabis, and those who govern are supposed to look at problems and weigh up solutions. Even if, in the end, they reject them. You never get anywhere by just shouting "Outrageous!" and "Loony Left!" (especially, Dr Mawhinney, if there are known supporters of legalisation rather close to home, such as your own PPS, Alan Duncan). But there can be no sober discussion in the present knife-edge political climate. With a Labour Party trying harder to be lovable than anyone since Shirley Temple, and a writhing, hissing mass of cornered Conservatives fighting for their lives, it would be silly to expect proper debate on anything difficult. For the moment, we can expect nothing more creative than the occasional speech about the desirability of children doing their homework, followed by an argument about which party most sincerely wants them to do it.

Outside Westminster, of course, legalisation of pot is discussed like mad, and not only at smart metropolitan dinner parties where an after-dinner spliff is far more socially acceptable than a fattening, high-cholesterol after-dinner mint. At Scotland Yard, the head of criminal intelligence has talked of licensing; senior figures at the Royal College of Physicians, British Medical Association and Royal College of Nursing have backed clinical trials on medical uses of the drug; a BMA survey found 70 per cent of doctors keen to use it therapeutically. In certain severe illnesses, notably multiple sclerosis, sufferers find it a boon and are outraged, reasonably, that it is not made available to them in the same way as morphine is given to those in terminal pain. If you are slowly and miserably declining with multiple sclerosis and only hash helps, why should you have to find yourself a pusher and involve your carers in criminal activity? Medicinal use is well overdue for review.

Libby Purves

But that is only part of it. True legalisers want the drug for recreation. They endlessly compare tobacco, a legal drug, known to kill, with cannabis, an illegal one which has never been proven to kill anybody.

This argument always strikes me as odd. It is flawed partly because of the American research which suggests all kinds of unpleasant effects of heavy puffing — from aggravation of the usual smoker's diseases to sinister stuff about permanent depressant effects, impaired immune systems, psychosis and foetal intelligence. That should make anybody pause. But the comparison is also flawed because of the difference between what the two kinds of cigarette actually do to you. Tobacco, for all its horrible smell and perils, has always been found by its users to aid concentration and mental effort. Many of the best brains I know function best in a haze of filthy smoke. It is a pity, especially if you share their office, but it is obvious that the tobacco does not fuddle them or impair their competence.

Cannabis is different. As a student in the last pot boom, I tried it twice and became suitably warm and fuzzy and exalted. I began to see deep meaning in the lyrics of *Sergeant Pepper*, and to believe that I had found The Answer. However, on coming round I could not help noticing that I had forgotten the question. The state, vaguely pleasant as it was, led nowhere. I stopped, and thereafter had to put up with the company of friends who didn't. They were hell. They lay around in fragrant clouds, uttering solemn banalities and laughing immoderately at jokes I had made which I knew were only mildly funny. They were as easily amused as toddlers, and far less rewarding company. With so much else to be excited about — youth, Keats, protest marches about Czechoslovakia — pot seemed unnecessary. If you need to drop out for an evening, you can always get drunk; and there is something balanced and reassuring about the way that the hangover turns up to remind you that there is a price to pay for chemical euphoria. It stops you doing it too often.

With cannabis, there is no such brake. If you are too depressed or discouraged or lazy to get on with life, you just stay stoned. It is not technically addictive, but we all know users who have grown increasingly dependent on feeling warm and hazy, unstressed and benevolent; and brainless and spineless too.

However, there was a time when I wanted it legalised, to break the link with hard drugs and to allow free citizens the right to addle their free brains. Full legalisation seemed the only option for Britain, since we are such anxious jobsworths that we could never manage the blind-eye policies which seem to work in parts of Europe. So I supported it. It was with a shock of surprise that this time round, I found that I am against it, for a new reason.

The difference is that then, I envisaged frequent users being a small minority: leftover hippies, experimenting teenagers who would outgrow it, and sick people for whom it would be a comfort. The rest of Britain, I thought, would get on with life, go to work, pursue ambitions, play games, walk the dog, help with the homework and scuttle round supermarkets searching for Delia Smith's latest miracle ingredient. Pot would stay where it belongs, on the margins.

But I no longer see Britain that way. There are too many people now who feel trapped and oppressed. Millions are out of work and broke, millions more are hanging on to jobs by working absurd hours; the disaster of the housing boom-and-bust, coupled with family breakdown, has left many with no financial margin for relaxation or no time for it. We are worried sick about our children's education and future, dismayed by the cost of our parents' old age and unable to bear thinking about our own. The Government is disliked and mistrusted, the Opposition untried, the churches helpless. The French are bombing paradise and the PM won't even wag a finger. If they legalised pot now, we'd all be on it. A great sweet-smelling cloud would hang over Britain night and day.

The mood of the moment is such that whenever we are offered a soft escapist stupidity, we fall on it with a most un-British urgency. Look at the National Lottery, and how pathetically addicted we are already. Look at the Rev Chris Brain's rave services, with dry ice and half-baked symbolic smearings with soil. Look at the veal-calf hysteria, with hitherto solid citizens mainlining on the adrenalin of civil disorder. Or *Pride and Prejudice*: all right, it was good, but it wasn't that good. It was just another shimmering, doped-up gambler's hallucination, the fantasy that a rich hunk in a stovepipe hat might take us away from all this.

No: by and large, Clare, best to leave things as they are. At least until the tide turns and some more solid consolations return to stiffen our national morale.

How the banks tumbled

Graham Searjeant says Nick Leeson's future is looking up

In the East, saving your face is important. In the West, saving your bacon is vital. In either case, it pays to show that someone else was to blame, or that disaster was not what it seemed. The collapse of 200-year-old Barings Bank in February left a lot of egg on the faces of bankers, traders and regulators from the City of London to Singapore via Osaka — and endangered their bacon. Nick Leeson, the yuppie expatriate whose hidden gambling losses were the agent of Barings' default, looked likely to pay dearly for his sins to protect others.

The Singapore authorities were embarrassed because their Money Exchange (Simex) had been the theatre of Mr Leeson's activities and failed to stem them. This was no help to their ambition to be the prime international financial centre of the region, which had stopped Simex liaising with "rival" watchdogs in Japan. Singapore's prosecutors eagerly filed charges carrying a jail sentence of up to 14 years — about one day per £100,000 lost on Japanese share index futures. Changi jail has long been an instrument in Singapore's campaigns to clean up and promote its financial markets, used to warn foreigners not to make a monkey of Singapore rules. Back in 1979, Richard Tarling, a leading British businessman, was jailed for four months. He returned home to tell a harrowing tale of life at the notorious maximum security prison.

The British authorities were keen for Mr Leeson — whose travel was providentially interrupted in Frankfurt — to return East, rather than continue to London. They stressed that the cause of Barings' insolvency was a Singapore matter. If there were crimes — and Mr Leeson promised the Serious Fraud Office to plead guilty to one — they had been committed in Singapore. The Bank of England merely tried to pick up the pieces, although it signally failed after a weekend of City buck-passing.

THE FUTURE

Eight months on, Mr Leeson's fate does not look so dire after all. No longer are all the fingers pointing insistently at him. The story has moved on, and the mug trader is looking criminally passé, a character more likely to be portrayed on the silver screen by boyish Hugh Grant than by villainous Alan Rickman.

In Singapore, priorities have changed. Two weeks ago, a Ministry of Finance report by accountants from Price Waterhouse shifted the emphasis from one man acting alone towards the international conspiracy theory. It suggested that top Barings executives, including the London-based boss of Baring Securities, might be accused of conniving and concealment. The Bank of England's earlier report, though critical of Barings directors, had merely damned sins of omission.

If events orchestrated from London were integral to Barings' collapse, then the Bank of England was to blame for regulatory failure, rather than Simex, which had at least raised questions locally. Mr Leeson's co-operation might help to locate the epicentre of failure in London rather than Singapore. London-based Barings executives will not be flying to Singapore in handcuffs, but may yet take some of the heat off Mr Leeson.

This thinking is doubtless music to Mr Leeson, whose chance of avoiding extradition from Germany had become negligible. The main point of delay was merely to serve more of the sentence in Frankfurt and less in Changi. But Singapore's priorities changed too. The purpose of Mr Leeson's treatment is no longer to set an example, more to show that Singapore is not the hang-'em-and-flog-'em country of tabloid imagination, but a haven of the rule of law, where the jails are shining and modern.

IN CROSS

The Bank of England's tactics have changed too. Mr Leeson has lost his diabolic function in the Bank's version of events. After the sacrifice of one middle-ranking official, the Bank's Governor, Eddie George, argues that the demise of Barings was not such a disaster after all. The failure of a bank once synonymous with City power does not prove that the Bank had failed in its supervision. It was just a side-effect of competitive markets, making Mr Leeson merely an agent of market forces.

In a speech to Japanese bankers in Tokyo last week, the Governor argued that central banks should only try to save banks if their demise would set off general panic or have a domino effect on others. To save an individual bank, however "worthy", would introduce "a serious competitive distortion in their favour and ... a serious degree of moral hazard into the system as a whole".

This was brave. Throughout the Far East, the central bank's failure to stop Barings defaulting was greeted with shock, as an appalling loss of face for London and a terminal blow to the prestige of pint-sized City merchant banks. They were right. Within months, most of London's remaining quoted investment banks had lost their independence — the classic domino effect.

For Mr Leeson, however, mental gymnastics in London and Singapore make the future a little less bleak.

Revisionist

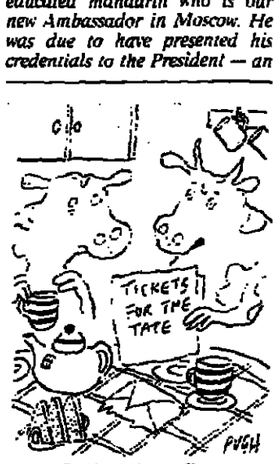
OXFORD UNIVERSITY has lost one of its most eminent historians, Jonathan Clark. The world-renowned expert on the 18th century has been forced to resign from All Souls College, Oxford, says an article in the November issue of *Prospect* magazine.

Clark's mail is being "redirected to an Oxford address", after it was discovered that he was moonlighting at Kansas University. Holding down two posts in this way may not be the worst crime an academic can commit, but amid the dreaming spires it is considered a severe breach of high-table etiquette.

For Clark — no longer of Oxford — it is a bitter end to a long struggle to keep his fellowship at the college, after many whispering campaigns against him. The young don has made few friends in the liberal establishment with pioneering revisionist works such as *English Society 1688-1832*, which tore a hole in the left-wing scholarly consensus.

It may be that the High Tory don has finally fallen foul of the left-liberal conspiracy he has long fought against. But the rumour around the university is that he was the first academic victim of the Internet: his lectures at Kansas were spotted by a don surfing the information superhighway.

● *President Yeltsin's incapacity because of heart problems resulted in a diplomatic hiccup yesterday for Andrew Wood, the Cambridge-educated mandarin who is our new Ambassador in Moscow. He was due to have presented his credentials to the President — an honour to which he had been looking forward with feverish excitement but which has now been postponed indefinitely.*



"Is that the gallery or the abattoir?"

DIARY

The French delegation were apparently charmed by the hooligans' banshee-wailing, however, thinking they were listening to distant bagpipes.

Video Darcy

THE SUCCESS of *Pride and Prejudice* has caught the BBC unawares. There is such demand for the video, which has sold nearly 100,000 copies, that the BBC's "reprinting" resources are under strain. There is now concern that videos such as *Absolutely Fabulous*, *Not the Nine O'Clock News* and *Red Dwarf* will not make the shop shelves for the Christmas market.

"We have had to stop duplicating all our other products," said a representative. "All the machines are going to be put over to *Pride and Prejudice*. It's touch and go as to whether we'll get the other videos in time for Christmas."

It's a hoot

AS HE GREETED Jacques Chirac this weekend, John Major didn't appear unduly concerned about the Greenpeace and CND demonstrators loping about Chequers in protest at the French Government's nuclear tests in the Pacific.

The Prime Minister was quick to point out in his welcoming speech that he had been in Paris on the night of M Chirac's election victory. And that just as 500 horn-blowing protesters were likely to keep M Chirac awake at Chequers, he too had been kept up all night in Paris because of the man's whistle-blowing supporters.

Abe's babe

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, who opposed slavery, may himself have been the victim of human bondage. A new biography in the United States suggests that his wedding was a shotgun affair, and that Mary Todd, the daughter of a prominent banker from Kentucky, marched an indifferent young Lincoln up the aisle after becoming pregnant.





Abraham Lincoln and his bride: was he under pressure?

The thesis, expounded in *Abraham Lincoln: From Sceptic to Prophet*, is based on an investigation by the respected academic and author Wayne Temple of "secret trysts" which the couple conducted without chaperone. "Honest Abe" was resigned to his fate — he reportedly told a friend: "I shall have to marry that girl," and went to his wedding with the look of a "beast going to the slaughter". The birth certificate of their first child is convenient, to say the least. It states that Robert Todd Lincoln arrived in the world nine months to the day after the wedding.

● *The fashion-buyer turned astrologist Shelley von Strunckel (Cancer) must feel her star is in the ascendant. She is to inherit the late Patric Walker's column in the London Evening Standard, where he wrote his predictions for 15 years.*

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MUFFLED SILENCE

The EU needs both Bernard Connolly and diplomatic dancers

In the weeks since his book *The Rotten Heart of Europe* was serialised in *The Times*, Bernard Connolly has had to grow used to vilification and adulation alike. In the letters column of this newspaper alone, he has been called "intemperate", "disgruntled" and the author of a "grotesque fiction". Lord Jenkins of Hillhead dismissed him as "a rather junior European Commission official". At least as many readers applauded his argument that European monetary union was a Franco-German conspiracy doomed to failure. An author speaking his mind must grow used to praise and criticism.

In Mr Connolly's case, however, his right to speak freely has itself been called into question. After 17 years at the Commission, where he is still nominally head of the unit monitoring the European exchange-rate mechanism, he has been suspended on half pay pending disciplinary proceedings. He is unable to enter his office, and his mug-shot has been issued to security guards to ensure he does not slip the net. Hell has no fury like a bureaucracy scorned. Of course, had Mr Connolly been an Assistant Secretary in Whitehall and written a book called *The Rotten Heart of Britain*, blowing the whistle on the foibles and folly of British government, his fate would have been probably worse. The Government might well have sought an injunction. Mr Connolly could have faced legal action if it was felt that he had breached the Official Secrets Act. At the very least, he would have been sent home on so-called "gardening leave". More likely, he would have lost his pension. It might be said that the action taken by the Commission is lenient by comparison and that, irrespective of his book's intellectual merits, Mr Connolly's legal battle against his employers has no basis in principle.

But the analogy between a national civil service and an international secretariat such as the European Commission is false. A Whitehall official works for a democratically elected Government, whose ministers are accountable to Parliament. The duty of confidentiality enables him to give ministers frank advice and prevents the elected minister from being publicly undermined by the unelected official. The European Commission, in contrast, has no such claim to democratic legitimacy. It has an agenda for an entire continent. It takes its cue from ideological precept rather than the will of the peoples whose future it seeks to dictate. It is grossly unaccountable. Few institutions have ever been so badly in need of publicity's oxygen. Should thoughtful officials be kept in muffled silence?

Mr Connolly may well be found in breach of the European Commission staff regulation which prohibits unauthorised publication of "any matter dealing with the work of the Communities". For that procedural sin, he might have expected to be transferred to a less sensitive post. Yet the code also says that "permission shall be refused only where the proposed publication is liable to prejudice the interests of the Communities". This is the crux of the matter. In our view, Mr Connolly's intelligent opposition to EMU has done far less than the doctrinaire views of federalists to prejudice the future of the European Union. This is not a view shared by all. The real question is whether "the interests of the Communities" are to be so narrowly defined that all serious debate is extinguished.

EU diplomacy has become a dance in a hall of mirrors. This week Jacques Chirac has succeded in giving John Major a political boost and encouraged talk of a new Anglo-French alliance. John Major, for his part, has had some reward for his support of French on nuclear testing. We do not belittle these bilateral arrangements. Yet the commitment of the French Establishment to Franco-German federalism, majority voting and a single currency — brilliantly dissected in Mr Connolly's book — is undiminished.

France and Germany will draw up a joint strategy before next year's inter-governmental conference; M Chirac and Helmut Kohl will meet to co-ordinate their position a week before December's Madrid summit. It is easy to miss such continuities behind the diplomatic glass. There has never been a greater need for transparency in the deliberations which will determine the future of the EU. If voices such as Mr Connolly's are silenced, we will all be losers.

THE FUTURE OF A TENSE PAST

South Africa must put its apartheid years behind it

The satirist Pieter-Dirk Uys once exhorted his fellow South Africans to remember that "the future is certain: it is the past that is unpredictable". Few other societies have so needed to escape the past, and to ensure that the future remains unembittered by older conflicts. Yet the decision to prosecute 11 retired, apartheid-era military leaders — taken on Sunday by the South African Government — is likely to bring the past rudely back in view, and to have an ugly impact on the country's future.

Like many government decisions taken since the elections last year, this latest one appears to have the support of the African National Congress component alone. The National Party, an ostensible partner in the administration of "national unity", has condemned the resolve to prosecute the retired men. Deputy President F. W. de Klerk went so far as to say that the planned arrests "can obviously have far-reaching repercussions for national reconciliation".

Mr de Klerk is right, even though the men in question are widely believed to have masterminded the activities of the so-called "third force", aimed at destabilising the ANC in the period between Nelson Mandela's release from prison and last year's elections. The most prominent of the accused, the former Defence Minister Magnus Malan, is clearly no paragon: but to describe his prospective prosecution as wrong-headed is not an endorsement of the violent strategy of which he now stands accused.

Post-apartheid South Africa has so far displayed an attitude to its past which might be described as extraordinary: "reconciliation" is now a political shibboleth. But South African society still faces important questions: how should the political crimes of the old era be dealt with? Does the newly democratic state have a duty to punish wrongdoers from the previous, undemocratic order? Or is there a duty only to ensure that such violations of law do not occur again? These questions are not unique to South Africa: they are faced also by Chile and Argentina, for example, as well as by the erstwhile Eastern bloc. But the racial element in South Africa's past renders irrelevant all other examples: it makes the case of the post-apartheid state particularly complex, especially as the "oppressors" and the "oppressed" have elected to share power and build a new nation.

To that end, the South African parliament has legislated to establish a "Truth Commission". There will be an indemnity from prosecution for those who confess before the commission to politically motivated crimes, the underlying principle being that society's need to put the past behind it should outweigh specific demands for justice. The decision to arrest General Malan and the others is obtuse: why could their cases not have been dealt with by the commission, as soon as it became operational? There may, however, be another explanation. South Africa votes tomorrow, in its first all-race municipal elections. If the ANC, by announcing these prosecutions, has chosen to play to the electoral gallery, it has made a serious error: for the sake of a few votes, it has put an invaluable principle at risk.

IN CROSSWORD COUNTRY

20,000 across: O cross me a sword where the puns are absurd

There is magic in round numbers, especially numbers as circular as 20,000. Today's crossword could be clued "twice as many as cried like *the latter* to see the sea" (2 x 10,000 and *thalatta*) with its wink at the Xenophon anecdote every schoolchild knows.

With its 20,000th puzzle, *The Times* crossword is not quite the oldest. Roman villas had acrostics in mosaics, and the first modern crossword was introduced by a New York newspaper in 1913. It is not quite the hardest, as post-graduates who understand the instructions to our *Listener* crossword can boast. But it is the wittiest and most precise, and best deploys the common knowledge and wordplay of the British character.

Crossword Country is a strange land, consisting mainly of tors covered with heather (ling) and tundra. The flora or flowers are usually rivers, with flexible syllables such as Dee, Po and Exe. The dominant fauna are emus, eland, deer, hens and lions. They feed on asps, ants, bees and each other. Unfortunately there are also human beings, all rakes, renegades or rips, except for some dons, journalists (eds), gunners (RA) and tars (ABs). Their names are Mac, Ian, Ann or Tessa. They have an obsession with unusual abbreviations, and count their money, whether pounds (Ls) or dollars (Ss) in thousands of Ms, or nowadays metric Ks.

Their sports include such anagrams as "Which team trains on synthetic cream?" (10, 4): Manchester City. They are drinkers of ale, gin and rum, and sometimes water or, as they prefer it, "A to G. . . P to Z, down the spout" (H to O, H_2O). Their pronunciation may be camp: "What makes dat guy's appearance no longer dat guy's?" (disguise).

When *The Times* first introduced its daily crossword, earnest readers complained that it was the ultimate trivial pursuit: "I hate to see a great newspaper pandering to the modern craze for passing the time in all kinds of stupid ways." But prime ministers and monarchs caught the craze, and P. G. Wodehouse wrote that it was "g[all], and wormwood" to read that the Provost of Eton timed his lightly boiled breakfast egg by the time it took him to solve *The Times* crossword.

And if the pursuit is trivial, its delight in wordplay has been an English characteristic from medieval riddles and Lewis Carroll to *Private Eye* and Salman Rushdie's multicultural puns. Its wit and essential reading-list are ingredients of Britishness. It extends general knowledge and vocabulary, and encourages a healthy scepticism towards accepting anything at its face value. The crossword may be predominantly a solitary pastime, though lone solvers are likely to find that bystanders volunteer to help, even if no help is wanted. Today, as it enters what it would describe as its 21st chiliad, it is far too late to stop or deplore the craze that has become an endearing national institution.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Nato should keep the peace, not UN

From Mr Grahame Keating

Sir, Most of the UN's problems stem from its peacekeeping activities ("Life after fifty", leading article, October 21): 19 new missions have been formed in the last seven years, six more than in its previous 43-year history. These missions are hugely expensive, the present one costing $1.5 billion per annum.

Between 1991 and 1993 there was an increase from 10,000 to 80,000 blue helmets, with a hump in the peacekeeping budget from $1 billion to $4 billion. Yet the phrase "peacekeeping" appears nowhere in the UN charter nor is there any explanation of the concept as we understand it.

The mission in Bosnia has exposed every flaw that exists in its peacekeeping activities. Aid convoys feed the warring factions, armies (many of them third-rate and corrupt) re-equip themselves at the UN's expense and line their pockets.

The collapse of the safe havens early this year was possibly the UN's darkest hour, leading directly to the murder of thousands of men, women and children. When definitive action was needed Nato airpower and US diplomacy achieved between June and August what the UN failed to do in three years.

Nato has spent 45 years perfecting a highly sophisticated military/political management structure. This embodiment of years of investment in the organisation does much to ensure that it is highly professional, efficient and trusted. In short it is everything the UN is not.

The incoherence of the UN's bureaucratic madhouse of political correctness, riven with incompetence and corruption, must now be sidelined to operations no bigger than trucking beans and bandages.

A larger more flexible Nato, with a clear mandate for out-of-area operations, must become the organisation of choice.

Yours sincerely,
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October 28.

Nuclear memories

From Mrs Elizabeth Young

Sir, Franklin Roosevelt's Hyde Park estate, where Mr Clinton entertained Mr Yeltsin, is, as Martin Fletcher recalls (report, October 24), "rife with memories of America's co-operation with Russia during the Second World War".

"Rife" is a good word. Hyde Park is where Roosevelt and Churchill conducted their second, 1944, agreement on "tube alloys" — the Allies' development of nuclear weapons, which the Russians were not to know about until the atomic bombs were actually ready for use.

In the aide-memoire which they initialled, it was stated that "Full collaboration between the United States and the British Government for military and commercial purposes should continue after the defeat of Japan unless and until terminated by joint agreement".

When Roosevelt died in 1945, Truman's advisers told him he could ignore this commitment as it was only binding on Roosevelt. Truman accepted this advice, and Britain was instantly shut out of all collaboration in a joint effort that Churchill had initiated in 1941: this was when he conveyed to Roosevelt news of a technique for making the atom bomb discovered by two German emigré scientists working in Birmingham.

Hence Attlee's decision in autumn 1945 to set up the British Atomic Energy Authority at Harwell — the beginning of Britain's development of nuclear weapons: "We could not allow ourselves to be wholly in [the Americans'] hands and their position wasn't awfully clear always", he said later.

So, yes: Hyde Park is "rife with memories", for both Russians and Britons, but on the whole discouraging ones.

Yours etc,
ELIZABETH YOUNG,
100 Bayswater Road, W2.
October 25.

Safe radiation

From Professor S. H. U. Bowie, FRS, FEng

Sir, Nigel Hawkes is correct in saying ("The shadows of Hiroshima", October 23) that the National Radiological Protection Board's view that "there is no threshold below which radiation does no harm" is unlikely to find universal acceptance.

If the lowest levels of radiation are harmful, we should be advocating avoiding building on abnormally radioactive terrain, as well as the use of some building stones. Also, to minimise exposure to cosmic radiation, people should be encouraged to live in equatorial rather than polar regions where cosmic radiation is higher, and to live near sea-level rather than at higher altitudes. For the same reason, people should even avoid crossing the Atlantic by air too often.

My experience is that more people are likely to suffer from needless worry about radioactivity than from exposure to low-level natural sources.

Yours etc,
S. H. U. BOWIE,
Tanyard Farm,
Clapton, Crewkerne, Somerset.

Dreams and dangers of the lottery

From Mr Charles Woodd

Sir, The success of the National Lottery (report and letters, October 26) is dependent on people dreaming dreams, and buying tickets in the hope of fulfilling them. The awful truth is that dreams (for the very few big winners) may become nightmares, and the odds against winning are enormous.

For small, local community charities, those "organisations that we have never heard of" (as quoted in your excellent leader of October 24), the story is different, however. The National Lottery Charities Board's enlightened approach has allowed them to dream dreams and have a reasonable chance of achieving them.

In the main, the hundreds of thousands of such groups across the country have resourced themselves, through voluntary effort, local fundraising, charges where appropriate, and the occasional local authority grant. They will continue to do so — they have no option. However, many know the needs are so much greater than they can currently meet.

What the charities board is starting to do is to give local groups of all kinds the chance to do something they wouldn't be able to do otherwise. What we need now is for the other distributing bodies (arts, sports, heritage and millennium) to follow the lead, so that they too can make more local communities' dreams come true.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES WOODD (Chair),
Community Sector Coalition,
8/9 Upper Street, N1.
October 26.

From Dr A. A. Gibberd

Sir, I am delighted to see that Citizens Advice Bureaux have benefited from the National Lottery (report, October 24) but am intrigued to know into which of the categories listed in your chart its grant should fall.

Is it children, disabilities, general welfare, families, pensioners, women, lone parents, mental illness, physical illness, addicive disorders, welfare of offenders and families, refugees, anxiety disorder or phobias, or welfare of travellers? Perhaps it is "others", since all these and many more make up the work of every CAB.

In the face of such a workload it is sad that the DTI should think fit to freeze its grant to the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux for three years, making us more dependent on lottery money from which, it must be remembered, the Government has already creamed off its not inconsiderable share.

Yours sincerely,
A. A. GIBBERD (Chairman),
Basingstoke Citizens Advice Bureau Ltd,
19-20 Westminster House,
Potters Walk,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.
October 24.

From the Chairman of the National Council on Gambling

Sir, Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, pointed out in the debate on the National Lottery that the bigger the jackpot, the more money will be staked by punters (report, October 26). However, an inevitable consequence of this is an increased danger of excessive gambling.

Gambling associated with large jackpots therefore has been confined to licensed or registered premises. Thus, gaming machines with jackpots of £250 on stakes of 25p are restricted to casinos, bingo halls and private clubs.

Yet scratchcards, which are in every way a similar gamble but have jackpots of £50,000 on stakes of £1, are available in ordinary retail outlets such as newsagents and sweet shops. The lottery promoters admit that they are an "impulse buy". Since gambling which is impulsive tends to lead to the chasing of losses, the sale of scratchcards should be confined to licensed premises.

Yours faithfully,
E. MORAN, Chairman,
The National Council on Gambling,
Regent's Wharf,
8 All Saints Street, N1.
October 27.

From Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Robinson (retd)

Sir, What a coincidence that the correspondence today on the wisdom and fairness of lottery awards was published back to back with your report of a memorial to those who died on the Somme being about to collapse for want of £11,500 to repair it.

Yours faithfully,
PETER ROBINSON,
The Georgians, High Street,
Market Deeping, Lincolnshire.
October 26.

Greenwich millennium

From the Leader of Greenwich Council

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Angels in the architecture", October 21) says that as a nation "We cannot think what to do with Greenwich or Woolwich Arsenal". There should indeed be more creative processes of determining how we use and control such national assets.

The Royal Naval College should not be frozen in time, nor necessarily sold to the highest bidder, but should be living buildings that are used as one of the focal points to link the millennium celebrations in historic Greenwich to the proposed millennium exhibition site on the Greenwich peninsula.

The council and its partners have been putting forward proposals that would transform historic Greenwich into an area worthy of becoming a World Heritage site. Improved waterfront facilities, taking traffic away from the town centre, tram links and a new Docklands Light Railway station at the *Cutty Sark* are vital to the area. We can transform the Thames and renew London as a capital city of which we can be proud.

At the moment, with the best of intentions, a handful of quangos and government agencies are, in their different ways, pondering the future of Greenwich. But vision and coordinated action are needed. These cannot be left to the free market and a plethora of quangos.

Yours faithfully,
LEN DUVALL,
Leader, Greenwich Council,
London Borough of Greenwich,
Town Hall,
Wellington Street, Woolwich, SE18.

From General Sir Martin Farndale

Sir, I am glad to say that planning for at least part of the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich is forging ahead. The Royal Artillery is preparing a major national museum of historic artillery in a place of education and research in some seven acres of magnificent listed buildings, including the one in which the regiment was born on May 26, 1716.

With the full support of Greenwich Council and the Ministry of Defence, we intend to open by 1999, in time for the millennium. The project will also bring much prosperity to an area which has suffered badly from defence cuts.

So far we have raised some £5 million by our own efforts but we hope to more than double this with a bid to the National Heritage Memorial Fund for a lottery grant, and to raise another £2 million by our own efforts by 1998.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN FARNDALE
(Master Gunner, St James's Park),
Woolwich, London SE18 4BH.

Goldsmith campaign

From Mr David Lott

Sir, I see Sir James Goldsmith invites those both for and against Maastricht to unite in voting for a Referendum Party [letters, October 27]. He will be the referee for the referendum and he will choose the team to consider the wording. He is however an enthusiastic captain of one of the teams, the Europe of Nations group. The British public will cry "foul".

Sir James's plan for a unilateral return to a pre-Maastricht position is impossible, practically and legally. Maastricht was but a series of amendments to the Treaty of Rome. The only practical and legal possibility would be, as the UK Independence Party proposes, to repeal the whole treaty as amended, and start again.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID LOTT,
Dyke Head, West Woodburn,
Hexham, Northumberland.
October 25.

From Mr Timothy Bainbridge

Sir, The referendum of June 1975 was not on whether the United Kingdom should *join* the European Economic Community, as the Referendum Party states (advertisement, October 25), but on whether we should *stay* in the European Community, having been a member since January 1973.

Yours faithfully,
TIMOTHY BAINBRIDGE,
145 Holland Park Avenue, W11.

Customs cover

From the Chairman of HM Customs and Excise

Sir, The reductions in Customs staffing at low-risk ports mentioned in your report of October 25 (early editions) was originally announced a year ago. At that time we made it clear that the targeted use of mobile task forces, whose appearance at particular ports and airports would be entirely unpredictable, meant that no port or airport would be uncontrolled.

There is no disagreement between ministers, as your report implies. On the contrary there is close liaison, at both official and ministerial level, through the Government's co-ordinated anti-drugs initiative.

As I told the Treasury and Civil Service Committee on October 24, 50 of the posts removed from low-risk places have been redeployed into the investigation of large-scale criminal drugs organisations. I reconfirmed that we would be carefully monitoring the effects of these reductions before proceeding to the second phase of 300 posts. We have every intention of playing our full role in realising the Government's drugs strategy.

Yours sincerely,
VALERIE STRACHAN, Chairman,
HM Customs and Excise,
22 Upper Ground, SE1.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Continuing need for farm subsidies

From Professor G. H. Peters

Sir, The Countryside Commission has now added its voice to the widely accepted view that agricultural subsidies damage the countryside, since they are mainly directed at production support (report, October 26).

It would be wise to be less assertive. C. S. Orwin (then Director of the Oxford University Institute of Agricultural Economics) wrote of the depressed agricultural conditions of the 1930s, when subsidies had scarcely come in to play (*Speed the Plough*, 1944):

We have the evidence of our eyes, for it is impossible as we move about the countryside to overlook the bad repair of many of the farm buildings, the absence (almost complete) of new buildings, the mire and muck in which the farmer and his men are obliged to work: the hedges overgrown, the ditches silted up, the gates broken on so many holdings: the blacksmith's and the wheelwright's shops closed in the villages.

I cannot match his prose. Nor indeed can the writers of the Minister's common agricultural policy review group (*European Agriculture: The Case for Radical Reform*, published earlier this year), though they put the issue plainly:

Just as the impact of the CAP on the environment is difficult to assess precisely, so are the consequences of removing production-related support. On the one hand, reducing support should relieve pressure of intensive use of land, and make existing environmental schemes more cost-effective. On the other, it may lead to reduced positive management of environmental features.

Carried along on the wave of fashion they then asserted their majority view that "the environmental gains from reduced support would outweigh the negative effects". That, however, must be an entirely subjective conclusion. It is easy to describe potential gains and losses, but the potential effects of a change in broad agricultural policy are beyond anyone's ability to visualise.

Yours sincerely,
G. H. PETERS
(Research Professor in Agricultural Economics),
International Development Centre,
Queen Elizabeth House,
21 St Giles, Oxford.
October 27.

Changing time

From Lord Vinson

Sir, Much midnight oil obviously went into the preparation of the Government's recently published Rural White Paper (reports and leading article, October 18). More is the pity that the authors could not have benefited from your very apposite leader ("Time to change time", October 23) and promoted your suggestion.

Synchronising our clocks with those of Europe would bring manifest benefits, particularly in rural areas. A comprehensive survey done by the Rural Development Commission showed that tourism, outdoor contracting in all its forms, sportsmen and, not least, the elderly who are curfewed by dusk would all gain. Add to this the anticipated reduction in road accidents, and it is not surprising that most of the relevant leading national organisations support such a move.

Whilst there may be many aspects of European union that are unattractive, here is one that the UK could surely embrace for the wider public good in general and the rural economy in particular.

Yours faithfully,
VINSON
(Chairman, Rural Development Commission, 1980-90),
House of Lords.
October 25.

Prison education

From Mrs Annie Anderson

Sir, The furore over the dismissal of the Prison Service Director-General (letters, October 19, 21, 23, 25) has prevented debate of the 127 recommendations published in the Learmont report (details, October 17).

Recommendation number 45 states: "Prisoners should be offered sufficient, regular and meaningful employment or education facilities. Those not taking up work places should be locked in their cells during the day".

Prison education is under threat, however. Budgets are forcing substantial cuts in the very area which often helps inmates to lead useful lives in the future. If the alternative to non-existent education or work is compulsory lock-up, isn't that remarkably short-sighted of those who are hoping to prevent a repeat of the sort of troubles that led to the Learmont inquiry?

Yours,
ANNIE ANDERSON
(Chairman, Board of Visitors),
HMP Pentonville, London N7.
October 24.

Pastures old and new

From Mrs Bridget Gray

Sir, I wish all the milk producers could get together and decide on a universal colour code for the cartons.

In a family where more than one member buys milk, and family tastes differ, the colours are confusing.

Yours faithfully,
BRIDGET GRAY,
The Coach House,
Ashby St Mary, Norwich, Norfolk.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 30: The Queen today gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace for members of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association.

Her Majesty left Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon to visit New Zealand and be present at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Auckland.

The Queen was received at the Airport by the Earl of Airlie KT (Lord Chamberlain), Brigadier P.C. Bowser (Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London), Mr Michael Chilton (Acting High Commissioner for New Zealand), Dr Brian Smith (Chairman, British Airports Authority) and Mr Bruce Leonard (Regional General Manager, Air New Zealand).

The following are in attendance: The Lady Farnham, the Lady Elton, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr Charles Anson, Mr Simon Gimson, Surgeon Captain David Swain RN, Air Commodore the Hon Timothy Elworthy and Squadron Leader Russell Pirihi RNZAF.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening arrived at Auckland International Airport, New Zealand, from South Africa.

Sir Brian McGrath is in attendance.

By Command of The Queen, the Earl of Courtown (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Uganda and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Lady Elton has succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 30: The Princess Royal this afternoon opened the new extension of Dr Gray's Hospital, Elgin, Morayshire.

CLARENCE HOUSE

October 30: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, President of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association, was present this afternoon at a Reception given in St James's Palace.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 30: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this morning opened Fulford Moor House, the headquarters of the Shepherd Building Group, in Fulford Road, York.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt.)

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Master of the Bench of Lincoln's Inn, was present this evening at a Dinner to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Opening of Great Hall by Queen Victoria.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 30: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon attended a lunch given by the British Chamber of Commerce, Clube Europeu, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

October 30: Princess Alexandra today attended the Women of the Year 40th Anniversary Lunch, in aid of Greater London Fund for the Blind, at the Savoy Hotel, London, WC2.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will visit the factory of Strathaird Quality Seafoods at Grantown-on-Spey, Morayshire, at 9.50; will attend a fund-raising luncheon at Highland Distilleries, Glenturret Distillery, The Hosh, Crieff, at 12.30; as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will visit the Perth and Kinross centre, The Gateway, North Methven Street, Perth, at 2.30; and, as Patron of the British Executive Service Overseas, will attend a reception at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, at 6.10 to launch British Executive Service Overseas Scotland.

Princess Margaret, as President of The Friends of the Elderly and Gentlefolk's Help, will visit the headquarters of the society at 42 Ebury Street, SW1, at 2.30.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the the Seckford Foundation's Robert Tile Building at the Abbey School, Woodbridge, Suffolk, at 11.00; with open the extension to Jubilee House, Seckford Alms Houses, Seckford Street at 11.35; and will open the Redstone Building at Woodbridge School, at 12.05. Later he will open the new Aldeburgh and District Community Hospital, Aldeburgh, at 2.05.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a reception given by Friends of Action Research for Miss Betty Parsons at St James's Palace at 7.20.

Victoria Cross and George Cross Association

The Prime Minister was represented by the Hon Nicholas Soames, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, at a service of remembrance and re-dedication held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields at the start of the 18th reunion of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association. The Rev Nicholas Holtam officiated, assisted by Mgr A Smith, RAF, and the Rev G.W. Craig, RN.

Colonel B.S.T. Archer, GC, chairman of the association, read the lesson and the Bishop of Chelmsford gave an address.

The Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Bramall, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, the High Commissioner for Malta, representatives of the High Commissioners for South Africa, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Pakistan and Nepal, and members of the association, were among those present.

Lecture

Board of Deputies of British Jews

Dr Nasser D. Khalili delivered the inaugural Khalili lecture to the Board of Deputies of British Jews last night at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC, president of the board, presided and Mrs Florence Kaufmann, chairman of the board's Israel Committee, also spoke.

Robin gets stamp of approval



Three of five Royal Mail Christmas stamps that went on sale yesterday. All feature the robin, which was elected the "national bird" on the letters page of *The Times* in 1960 after a call from British members of the International Council for Bird Preservation (now Bird Life). The stamps were designed by Ken Lilly

Reception

High Sheriff of Greater London

The High Sheriff of Greater London and Mrs Graham Hearne gave a reception for the Judiciary of Greater London at Inner Temple Hall yesterday evening. Among those present were:

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord and Lady Browne-Wilkinson, Lord and Lady Woolf, Lord Wigoder, QC, and Lady Wigoder, Baroness Ann Mallalieu, QC, Lord and Lady Nolan, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord and Lady Nicholls, the President of the Family Division and Lady Brown, Lord Justice and Lady Auld, Lord Justice and Lady Hirst, Lord Justice and Lady Glidewell, Lord Justice and Lady Farquharson, Lord Justice and Lady Kennedy, Lord Justice and Lady Henry, Lord Justice and Lady Simon Brown, Lord Justice and Lady Otton, Lord Justice and Lady Ward, the Attorney General, Mr Justice and Lady Ferris, the President of the Employment Appeal Tribunal and Lady Mummery, Mr Justice and Lady Parker, Mr Justice and Lady Waterhouse, Mr Justice and Lady Popplewell, Mr Justice and Lady Buckley, Mr Justice and Lady Blofeld, the Chairman of the Law Commission and Lady Brooke, Mr Justice and Lady Hidden, Mr Justice Mance, Mr Justice and Lady Hollis, the Solicitor General, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea and Mrs Warrick, Judge Timothy Lawrence, Judge Gerald Butler, QC, and Mrs Butler, Judge James Fox-Andrews, QC, and Mrs Andrews, Judge John Hicks, QC, and Mrs Hicks, the Queen's Remembrancer and Mrs Topley, the Admiralty Registrar, the Chief Taxing Master and Mrs Hurst, the Official Solicitor and Mrs Harris, the Treasury Solicitor, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Police and Mrs Howley, Sir Godfrey and Lady Taylor, Sir Cyril Taylor, Mr Roger Bramble, Cathryn Countess Cawdor, Mr and Mrs Clive Richards, the Hon Colin and Mrs Moynihan, the Chairman of the Bar Council and Mrs Goldsmith, Mr Richard Hartley, QC, and Mr Alastair Black.

Dinners

Stonyhurst Association

Lord Nolan, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, was Guest of Honour at the Stonyhurst Association's Dinner held last Saturday in the Guildhall, Winchester. The Right Rev Crispian Hollis, Bishop of Portsmouth, presided and other speakers included Dr R.G.G. Mercer, Headmaster of Stonyhurst College.

Travellers Club

Mr Mark Tully, OBE, broadcaster, former SE Asia correspondent for the BBC, was the Guest of Honour at a Library Lecture Dinner held last night at the Travellers Club. He spoke about his forthcoming new book *The Heart of India*.

Shipwrights' Company

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Shipwrights' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Ole S. Kverndal, Prime Warden, presided. The Lord Mayor, and Mr Dudley Wood also spoke.

Birthdays today

Miss Barbara Bel Geddes, actress, 73; Mr Eddie Charlton, snooker player, 66; Mr Michael Collins, astronaut, 65; Mr Hugh Cruttwell, former Principal, RADA, 77; Viscount Falmouth, 76; Dr Ian Field, former secretary, General World Medical Association, 62; Mr Dick Francis, former jockey and author, 75; Mr E.J.H. Gould, Master, Marlborough College, 52; Mr John Gunter, theatrical designer, 57; Lord Hardinge of Penshurst, 74; Mr Alastair Hetherington, journalist, 76; Mr Michael Hoffman, deputy chairman and group chief executive, Thames Water, 56; Mr H.R.F. Keating, author, 69; Mr Barrie Keeffe, dramatist, 50; Mr Michael Kitchen, actor, 47; Mrs Angela Knight, MP, 45; Mr John Lowe, jockey, 45; Professor R.F. Mahler, consultant physician, 71; Mr Kevin Mooney, former jockey, 41; Mr Charles Moore, Editor, *The Daily Telegraph*, 39; Mr Brendan Mullin, rugby player, 32; Mr Malise Nicolson former president, General Council of British Shipping, 74; Emeritus Professor R.S. Peters, educationist, 76; Sir Jeremy Rowe, former chairman, Occupational Pensions Board, 67; Sir James Savile, broadcaster, 69; Mr John Sweetman, clerk of committees, House of Commons, 65; Sir Derek Thomas, diplomat, 66; Professor John Vallance-Owen, physician, 75; Viscount Waverley, 46; Lady Wilcox, former chairman, National Consumer Council, 56.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Evelyn, diarist, Wotton, Surrey, 1620; Jan Vermeer, painter, Delft, 1632; Meindert Hobbema, landscape painter, Amsterdam, 1638; John Keats, poet, London, 1795; Patrick Chalmers, antiquary, Auldbar Castle, near Brechin, 1802; Benoit Fourneyron, inventor of the water turbine, St Etienne, 1802; Sir Joseph Swan, chemist and physicist, Sunderland, 1828; Chiang Kai-Shek, head of the National Government in China 1928-49, Chekiang province, 1887.

DEATHS: John Bradshaw, president of the judges at the trial of King Charles I, London, 1659; William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, general, victor at the Battle of Culloden, London, 1765; Thomas Cochrane, 10th Earl of Dundonald, admiral, London, 1860; William Parsons, 3rd Earl of Rosse, astronomer, Monkstown, Co Cork, 1867; Marya Bashkirtseva, painter, Paris, 1884; Harry Houdini, escapologist and conjurer, Detroit, 1926; Max Reinhardt, stage director, New York, 1943; Pietro Badoglio, Marshal of Italy, Prime Minister 1943-44, Grazzano, Piedmont, 1956; Augustus John, painter, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, 1961; Ramon Novarro, silent film star, Hollywood, 1968; Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India 1966-77 and 1980-84, assassinated, New Delhi, 1984.

Tonight is All-Hallow's Eve (Hallowe'en).

Pneumatic bicycle tyres were patented by Scottish inventor John Boyd Dunlop, 1888.

The Battle of Britain ended, 1940.

Dr Ake Senning implanted the first internal heart pacemaker, Stockholm, 1958.

Scottish Episcopal Church

Diocese of Edinburgh

Ordination

Terence James Harkin has been ordained Deacon by the Right Rev Richard Holloway at Holy Cross, Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh. Mr Harkin is now serving as Curate at Holy Cross and the Priory Church of St Mary of Mount Carmel, South Queensferry.

Resignation

The Rev Colin Chaplin, Priest-in-charge (NSM) at St Columba's, Bathgate, has retired due to ill health.

Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

Appointments

The Rev Barnabus Ahuna Ogugu has been issued with a warrant attached to St Cyprian's, Lenzie.

The Rev Vincent James Perricone has been appointed Priest-in-charge at All Saints', Jordanhill and Holy Cross, Knightswood.

The Rev John Stevenson, Priest-in-charge at Gretna, Eastriggs, Langholm, and his wife, Jane have, under the auspices of the Israel Trust of the Anglican Church, been appointed Directors of Stella Carmel Centre, Haifa, Israel.

Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness

Ordination

Graeme Stewart Patrick Columbanus Napier has been ordained Deacon by the Right Rev Gregor Macgregor, Bishop, at St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, where he will work as Curate.

Marriages

Mr A.L. Faulkes and Miss E.C. Tailby

The marriage took place on October 21, at St John's Church, Hazelwood, between Mr Andras Lajos Faulkes, son of Mr and Mrs L. Faulkes, of Slough, and Miss Elizabeth Clare Tailby, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Tailby, of Hazelwood, Derbyshire.

Mr W.J.T. Fugard and Miss J.A. Lloyd-Price

The marriage took place on Saturday, October 21, in the Lady Chapel, Westminster Abbey, of William Fugard, younger son of Major General and Mrs M.T. Fugard, to Juliet Lloyd-Price, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Lloyd-Price. The Dean of Westminster officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

A reception was held at 30 Pavillion Road, Knightsbridge and the honeymoon is being spent in Barbados.

Mr C.V.S. Paravicini and Miss L.F. Laurie

The marriage took place on Saturday, October 7, at the Church of St Michael the Archangel, Warfield, Berkshire, of Mr Charles Paravicini, elder son of Mr Nicholas Paravicini, of Brecon, Powys, and of Mrs Mary Ann Paravicini, of Warfield, Berkshire, to Miss Lucia Laurie, younger daughter of the late Mr Laurence Laurie and of Mrs Laurence Laurie, of Fulham, London. The Rev Brian Meardon officiated and the Rev Padraig Faughnan attended.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr Marcus Agius, was attended by Emilia Laurie, Marie-Louise Agius, Lara Agius, Emma Paravicini, the Hon Charlotte Aitken, the Lady Philippa Howard, the Lady Natasha Howard, Maud Boothby and Laurence Moore. Mr Simon Everett was best man.

A reception was held at North Lodge Farm, Warfield, Berkshire and the honeymoon was spent abroad.

Mr H. Summerson and Miss D. Washington

The marriage took place on Saturday, October 21, at St Andrew's Church, Dacre, Cumbria, of Mr Hugo Summerson, son of the late Mr T. Summerson and of Mrs Summerson, to Miss Diana Washington, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs T.J.C. Washington, of Dacre Lodge. The Rev W.M. Atkins, the Rev P.J. Wilson and Canon Gervase Markham officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Hermione Hasell-McCosh, Cecily Melson, Jake Gidley and Joshua Nieboer. The Earl of Belmore was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Women of the Year

Princess Alexandra was a speaker at the Women of the Year 40th anniversary luncheon held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind.

The Marchioness of Lothian, founder president, the Countess of Airlie and Miss Virginia Wade, vice-presidents, Mrs Paddy Campbell, executive chairman, and the Hon Diana Makgill, vice-chairman, received the guests at a reception held earlier in the River Room and sponsored by *The Times*.

Lady Lothian presided at the luncheon held in the Lancaster Room with Mrs Campbell, Miss Makgill, Miss Floella Benjamin, vice-chairman, Lady Airlie, Lady Healey, Miss Wade, Mrs Charlotte Baden-Powell and Miss Val Arnison, vice-presidents.

The international guest of honour, Mme Simone Veil, Ms Kamlesh Bahl, Ms Ruby Wax and Mrs Campbell also spoke. Mother Mary Agnes Soli said grace.

During the luncheon Princess Alexandra presented The Iris award to Jenna Mistry, aged 11, of the George Auden School in Birmingham who is learning braille and was accompanied by Mrs Sonia Taha, a teacher at the school.

The other guests of honour were:
Professor Judith Adams, Ms Mary Allen, Dame Josephine Barstow, Ms Liz Bavidge, Dr Sheila Brock, Dr Jane Carmichael, Mrs Pauline Clare, Mrs Jean Clark, Ms Lisa Clayton, Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Fylde, Miss Anne Dickinson, Professor Ann Dowling, Ms Margaret Drabble, Mrs Audrey Eyton, Ms Nicole Farhi, Ms Joanne Goldsworthy, Ms Alison Gomme, Ms Sally Gunnell, Ms Anna Harvey, Mrs Khanam Hassan, Lady Howe of Aberavon, Ms Tessa Jowell, MP, Mrs Jan Kern, Dr Alam Khan, Miss Jennifer Laing, Dr Nancy Lane, Ms Sue Lloyd-Roberts, Miss Maureen MacGlashan, Mrs Wenche Marshall Foster, Ms Sheena McDonald, Ms Paula Milne, Dr Yvonne Moores, Ms Sara Nathan, Miss Elaine Paige, Ms Mica Paris, Ms Allison Pearson, Ms Dawn Primarolo, MP, Mrs Margaret Prosser, Miss Elizabeth Rees-Jones, Mrs Paula Ridley, Miss Amanda Roocroft, Ms Mary Ann Sieghart, Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill, Mrs Elizabeth Southey, Ms Janet Street-Porter, Miss Vivian Tierney, Ms Beverly Warner, Mrs Zelda West-Meads, Miss Margaret Willes and Lady Wilson of Rievaulx.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.C.P. Brand and Miss L.A. Pace

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Duncan Brand, of Ware, Hertfordshire, and Lee-Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Martyn Pace, of Coventry.

Mr T.E.W. Brown and Miss G.F. May

The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs George Brown, of Brockenhurst, Hampshire, and Georgia, daughter of Mr David May, of West Compton, Dorset, and Mrs Catherine May, of London.

Mr M. Elkington and Miss N.C. Bovill

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Elkington, of Otley, West Yorkshire, and Nicole Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Bovill, of Edwardes Square, London, W8.

Mr R.J. Ferguson and Miss M.C. MacRae

The engagement is announced between Rory, younger son of Colonel and Mrs Iain Ferguson, of Cropley Grove, Newmarket, and Maria, only daughter of the late Mr Donald MacRae and of Mrs MacRae, of Stradishall Manor, Newmarket, Suffolk.

Mr C.C.W. Mahony and Miss A.A. Halstead

The engagement is announced between Conor, elder son of Mr and Mrs Crauford Mahony, of Musbury, Devon, and Amanda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Halstead, of Edwalton, Nottinghamshire.

Mr J.D. Shipp and Miss N.C. Whitney

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr David Shipp, of Dunstable and the late Mrs Shipp, and Nicola, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Whitney, of St Albans.

TA promotions

The Ministry of Defence announces the following Territorial Army promotions effected between April 1 1995 and June 30 1995:

Second Lieutenant to Lieutenant: Lts D E Abberton QOY, R T A Angus LOWLAND, C E Anson SCOTS YEO, F L H Aub-Robinson REME, A Black RLC, M G J Bridges RGJ, C B Buchanan PWRR, J W Buckley RRW, J O Cave RLC, J B Chappelle RE, M D Coulthard LI (V), J E Cripps RLC, A A Dillon R SIGS, G M Draisey LI (V), J Dransfield RE, J C England R SIGS, A C Ennis KINGS, M D Evans RE, J Griffin RA, P A Haigh RA, E C Halliday R SIGS, A K Harris PWRR, A Harwell RLC, P M Henderson REME, D L Ingram D and D, H C James AGC (Pro), A C Kacal R SIGS, R A King RA, C L Lawrence R SIGS, S J Lee-Jones R SIGS, G T Lettles RE, F A C Mainwaring ICS, K R Martin R ANGLIAN, J T McKnight RE, V E McNeill AGC (Pro), S Melides R ANGLIAN, C J Morgan LI (V), I W Mountain LI (V), J Nears WESSEX, G Neate RE, D C Neilson Gen List, D M F Richards RRW, E B Shephard D and D, A E Sims Gen List, S Smith WESSEX, S G Smith RLC, C C Staley AGC (SPS), K E Templeton INT CORPS, W G Thomas RE, C F R Thompson PWRR, A R Thorburn RA, M R Tiller RLC, A J Tomczyk RGJ, G R Triplow DWR, R A Vandaele-Kennedy RGJ, P J Wallen INT CORPS, T Walton RE, C I Warhurst PARA, N B Welch R SIGS, S T Welsh LI (V), I A G Wilson R SIGS, R J Wilson INT CORPS.

Lieutenant to Captain: Capts T W Anderson AGC (SPS), B P Armstrong QARANC, M K Baker D and D, I A Beatty, I J Bell AAC, P J Benham-Crosswell QDG, N S Brain GEN LIST, D A Butler RY, J A Dando AGC (SPS), R M Dobson R SIGS, K J Duffy-Penny R SIGS, S G B Dunkley RRF, G J Erskine LI, A C Everitt LOWLAND, A G Fortey RLC, R F Fortune, T G Hann STAFFORDS, J R M Hogg AAC, R I Huges RRW, M C Hutchinson RGJ, K C Hutton LD, T P Jenkins R ANGLIAN, D C Johnson RAMC, K A Keogh RAMC, P A Laycock LI (V), B Mather LI, M Maund CHESHIRE, A F McBain RLC, W M McGhi GEN LIST, A M Miller LI, I Mount RGJ, T P Mulkern RE, A D Oliver PARA, S J Orr-Cooper TD R SIGS, D R Parker RDG, S J Pilkington REME, R W Rochester RA, S Singh PWRR, J M Skliros RGJ, C M J Thomas RLC, P G Whitfield AAC.

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Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League

Professor Arthur Ellison was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Dr Habib Zuberi presided.

Legal appointment

Mr Glenn Clifford Brasse to be a District Judge of the Principal Registry of the Family Division from October 30.



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BIRTHS

EDWARDS - Grace Catherine on 27th October to Anita and Nick, a sister for Hannah.

FISHER - On 26th October, to Shona (née Prendergast) and Nicholas, a daughter, Miranda.

FLORENTIADES - On October 28th at The Wellington Hospital a son Spyro to Michalis and Rania.

LEUNG - On 26th October 1995 at The Wellington Hospital, to Jane and Jenkin, an adorable daughter, Saskia Jane 7lbs 1oz at 14:48.

MACDONALD - On October 24th at Wellington Hospital, to Leslie (née Wrage) and Vincent, an extremely beautiful daughter, Alicia. A first grandchild to Dorothy and George.

MALPASS - On 28th October 1995, to Patrick and Rachel, a son, Sam.

MOLESWORTH-ST. AUBYN - On 28th October 1995, to Carolyn (née Tozer) and William, a daughter, Jemima.

PEEL YATES - On 29th October 1995 at University College Hospital, to Frances and Will, a son, Patrick Thomas.

REDFARN - On 26th October, to Frances (née Yin) and Stephen, a son, James Yin Aubrey born at 10.26 pm weighing 8lbs 1oz.

ROSSITER - On 25th October, to Sally (née Tuff) and Nigel, a son, Sam Henry, a brother for Jack.

SOMBART - On Saturday 14th October at The Wellington Hospital, to Penny West and Michael, a son, Maximilian-Harry.

WINTERS - On October 27th at The Wellington Hospital, Tina and Ray are proud to announce the birth of their son, Samuel Arnold.

DEATHS

ADAM - On October 26th 1995, Clifford Wallace Adam C.B.E., aged 78 years. Much loved and respected by his wife Dorothy, sons Michael and Peter, their wives Camilla and Jenny, dearest grandpa of Emily and Thomas. Funeral Service at St George's Church, Beckenham, Kent, on Friday November 3rd at 11.30 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired received at the Church Service or sent direct to MINDCARE, 208 Hayne Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4HY.

ATKINSON - Ruth Alice much loved sister of Joan and aunt of Pauline and Sarah, died peacefully on Tuesday 24th October 1995 aged 90. Funeral on Monday 6th November, 10.30 am at St Mary's Catholic Church, Holly Place, London NW3. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 9 Pond Street, Hampstead, NW3 2PN.

BEALE - Robert Alexander (Bob) died peacefully after a long brave fight on 26th October aged 39. Only son of Gilbert and Pamela, husband of Tukata. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium at 12 noon Saturday 4th November. No flowers. Donations to BAKUP, 121-3 Charterhouse Street, London EC1M 6AA.

BEVERLEY - Robert Beverley (Bob) D.F.C. Chief Flying Instructor to the R.A.F. and Danebury Flying Group. Hearn, after a long illness. Much loved by all. Funeral Service will take place at Poole Crematorium on Friday, 3rd November, at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations to Bob's memory may be sent for Guide Dogs for the Blind c/o Diamond and Son F/D. Lymington, SO41 9DN.

DAVIES - David Harries on Thursday October 26th 1995 aged 72 years. Born New Quay, Cardiganshire. Respected family Doctor and Freeman of Blandford Forum, Dorset. Beloved and loving husband of Joan Victoria, dear father of Jennifer and Jane and loving grandfather of James, Edward, William and Kate. Funeral Service Blandford Parish Church Thursday November 2nd at 2.30 pm. Donations in his memory in lieu of flowers if wished to Blandford Parish Church Restoration Fund c/o Colin J. Close, Funeral Directors, 1b Salisbury Street, Blandford (01258) 453133.

DAVIES - Suddenly on 29th October at Bognor Regis, Rosalie Frances aged 94 years, widow of Reverend David Davies, formerly of Norfolk. She was the much loved mother of Peter and John, and grandmother of Stephen and Sarah. Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium at 3.30 pm on 2nd November. Enquiries to Reynolds Funeral Service. (01243) 864745.

DOWNEY - On 26th October 1995, Norman aged 83 years of Littleworth, West Sussex. A dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. The funeral service takes place at St George's Church, West Grinstead on Friday 3rd November at 11.30 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for the Huntingdon's Disease Association may be sent to Freeman Brothers, 9 North Parade, Horsham, West Sussex.

DUTFIELD - On October 27th, in a road accident, Michael John, beloved husband of Heather and father of Louise and Claire, son of Madge Dutfield of Ludlow, Shropshire. Funeral Service at 2 pm on Friday, 3rd November at St Matthew's Church, Ealing Common. Donations if wished to the Michael Dutfield Memorial Fund, c/o NatWest Bank, Hammersmith Corporate Office, 1-15 King Street, London W6 9HR.

FROMAGEOT - Edith (née Langstaff) on October 29th peacefully at home in Le Vesinet. Dearly loved wife of George. Mother of Alain and Patrick and grandmother of their families.

GLYNNE - Valery. On 26th October 1995, peacefully in Los Angeles, California.

GREENSTREET - Evelyn Mercy died 30th October 1995 aged 90. Beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at City of London Crematorium, Aldersbrook Road, London E12, at 2.45pm on Friday 3rd November. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Royal Marsden Hospital Cancer Fund, Fulham Road, London SW3 6JJ. tel: (0171) 352-4686.

HEWARD - Air Chief Marshal, Sir Anthony, died suddenly and peacefully at home on Friday, 27th October, aged 77. Much loved husband of Clare and father of Petrina and Paul. Service: 2.30 pm, Friday, 3rd November, St Mary's Church, Donhead St Mary. Donations to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund or the Atlantic Salmon Trust, Pitlochry.

JACKSON - Stanley. Author, died peacefully on 30th October after a short illness, aged 85. Loving father of Tisha and Linda and grandfather to Lulu, Emma and Julie. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to Seaton Hospital, League of Friends c/o Overmass & Chapple, Queens Street, Seaton, Devon EX12. Funeral Service at 2 pm Monday 6th November at St Michael's Church, Axmouth, Devon.

KYLE - On 27th October at home, Mrs Daphne Jill Kyle (née Thompson) of Charlwood, wife of Captain M.A. Kyle (deceased), sister of John, Joan and Jean, mother of Gail, Fiona and Glyn, grandmother of Alexander, Marilyn, Elizabeth and Edward, much loved by all. Funeral to be held at St Nicholas Church, Charlwood, on Friday 3rd November at 2.15 pm, to be followed by cremation. Flowers to St Nicholas Church or if preferred donations to R.N.L.I., Kennet House, River Way, Uckfield, Sussex.

LEE - On October 26th 1995, peacefully after a short illness at St Luke's Home, Oxford, George Russell Lee, C.M.G., formerly of Radlett, Herts. Funeral Service Oxford Crematorium Wednesday November 1st at 2 pm. Memorial Service to be announced later. Enquiries to Edward Carter F/D, (01235) 520958.

LOASBY - The Reverend Prebendary Edgar Harold, aged 82 years, died October 27th. Dear husband of Elspeth, much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Luke's Church, Sydney Street, Chelsea SW3 on Monday 6th November at 11 am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to St Luke's Church c/o The Rector. Cremation private. No Memorial Service by request.

LORD - Edgar George died peacefully after a long illness on October 28th 1995 aged 80, beloved husband of Tessa, brother of Robert and father of Guy. Known to many as Chairman and Founder of Automatics Tooling. The funeral will take place at Croydon Crematorium on Thursday 2nd November at 10 am. Family flowers only please and donations to the MacMillan Nursing Association c/o Truelove Funeral Directors, 85 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey, would be much appreciated.

MACGREGOR-MORRIS - John, died peacefully on October 28th at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, aged 65. Dearly beloved husband of Els and loving father of Rosanne and Ian. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin, Throwleigh, on November 2nd at 2 pm.

MAITLAND-MAKGILL-CRICHTON - On October 29th, Sir Andrew James Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, beloved husband of Isobel. Funeral private. No letters or flowers, please.

MATHIESON - At the age of 28 in a tragic accident on Tuesday 24th October, Simon John, most beloved husband of Abigail, dear son of Alan and Gaynor and cherished brother of Benjamin and Patrick. Funeral Service on Friday November 3rd at Daldowie Crematorium, Clydebank, Glasgow, at 1.30 pm and thereafter a Thanksgiving Service at Hyndland Parish Church at 2.30 pm.

NEEDHAM - On October 29th 1995, died peacefully, Haldee, beloved and loving wife of Tom. Funeral Service Canford Crematorium, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, Monday November 6th at 12 noon.

REES - Peacefully on October 27th, Thomas Morgan Haydn Rees C.B.E., D.L. of Mold, Clwyd (first Chief Executive of Clwyd), beloved husband of Marian, dear father of Maryon and father-in-law of Elwyn. Funeral Service at the United Reformed Church, Mold, on Friday 3rd November at 11am, prior to burial in Town Cemetery. Donations in his memory may be given between The British Diabetic Association and Arthritis and Rheumatism Research Council c/o Robin Hughes F/D, Old Chapel, Glanrafon Road, Mold, tel: (01352) 700266.

RICHDALE - Brett, passed peacefully away on Wednesday 25th October, after a wonderful and positive life with Jeremy, Kate, Kelly and Luke. Daughter of Patricia Dickie and sister of Crawford Dereham. Remembered with such love. Funeral private. Memorial reception at the Crush Bar, the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden at 12.45 for 1 pm on Friday 10th November. Contributions to the Royal Marsden Cancer Fund, Fulham Road, London SW3, in lieu of flowers.

ROSS - On October 29th, Harold (Harry) Leslie, Beloved husband of the late Joan. Father of Ian and Annie. Died peacefully after a short illness. A family cremation will be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St Andrew's Church, Rugby, on Thursday November 2nd at 3 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if wished to Parkinsons Disease Society c/o Malcolm Jones & Metcalfe, 284 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts. HP4 1AH. tel: (01442) 864548.

RUGGE-PRICE - On 29th October 1995, peacefully in hospital, Maeve (Peggy) aged 87 years. Beloved wife of the late Charles, and much loved mother of Keith, Angela, Jane and Catharine, and loving grandmother. All enquiries to Reynolds Funeral Service, 31 High Street, Bognor Regis, tel: (01243) 864745.

STEWART - On October 26th 1995 in St George's Nursing Home, London, A.D.M. (David) Stewart aged 76 years. Brother of Kit, Carol and Renée. Funeral Service on Friday November 3rd at Christ Church, Christ Church Street, London SW3 at 11.30 am, followed by private cremation.

STOCKDALE - Frances Jean, widow of H.H. Frank Stockdale and much loved mother of Victoria, Jane and James, died peacefully after a short illness on 27th October. Funeral Service at St Thomas-A-Beckett, Framfield, E. Sussex, 2.30pm Wednesday 1st November. Family flowers only, donations if wished, to The British Red Cross Society.

STODDARD - Carroll, suddenly at home on 26th October. Much loved husband of Evelyn and father of Jocelyn and John and a dearly loved father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral on Thursday 2nd November 2.30 pm at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane. Flowers or donations, if wished, to The British Heart Foundation.

THOMPSON - On 22nd October 1995, aged 92, peacefully at Ludshott Court. Norah Langton. Dear sister of the late Gwyneth, both formerly of Tarn Road, Grayshott, Hindhead, Surrey. Funeral Service to take place at the Guildford Crematorium on Thursday 2nd November at 2 pm.

TURNER - Phebe Elvira (Vi), peacefully at Parkside Nursing Home, Penarth, on 28th October, in her 97th year; beloved wife of the late Hunter, and much loved by her sons, the late James, and David and John and their families. Funeral at Tabernacl, The Hayes, Cardiff, at 12:45 pm, on Friday 3rd November. Family flowers only.

TYLER - Gleaton aged 75 years. Passed peacefully away in the presence of his son and daughter on October 24th at Hythe, Kent, after an illness courageously borne. Dearly loved and loving father of Martin, Shelley and Russell, grandfather of Marie, Stewart and John. A special man who will be mourned with great love and sadness by all who knew him. He will also be very sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral Service at St Leonard's Church, Hythe, at 11 am Tuesday 7th November. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o Chittenden Funeral Service, Windmill Street, Hythe, Kent.

WEAVING - John Harold fell asleep suddenly on Friday 27th October 1995. Beloved husband of Pam and devoted father of Roger, Michael and Rachel, loved father-in-law and grandfather. Loved by many. Funeral on Friday November 3rd at Robin Hood Crematorium, Streetsbrook Road, Solihull at 10 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to 'Tutnall Childrens Home' c/o R.E. Weaving, The Coach House, Astwood Lane, Hanbury, Bromsgrove, Worcs. B60 4BP.

WISEMAN - David Michael, died peacefully, aged 60, on 15th October 1995 in Weston-Super-Mare. Deeply missed by his daughter Martha, family and friends. Funeral at Islington Cemetery, High Road, East Finchley, London N2 on Friday 3rd November at 1.30pm. Memorial Service for friends in WSM to be arranged.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

NORGATE - A Memorial Service in remembrance of John Ashton Norgate will take place at Newbury Methodist Church, Northbrook Street, Newbury, on Friday 10th November 1995 at 2.30 pm.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

GRAYSTON - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Alison Grayston will be held at Victoria Methodist Church, 1a Whiteladies Road, Bristol at 2.30 pm on Friday 3rd November 1995, in place of flowers for the private cremation, donations may be made, if wished, to the Bristol Children's Hospital.

ROSE - Hugh Herbert (Tom). A Celebration of Tom's life and achievements will be held on Tuesday 28th November at 6 pm at Searcy's, 30 Pavilion Road, London SW1. Please RSVP to Linda China on (0171) 468-3007.

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OBITUARIES

CAPTAIN GEORGE PHILLIPS

Captain George Phillips, DSO, GM, wartime submarine commander, died on September 29 aged 90. He was born in Rangoon on October 5, 1904.

AN EARLY submariner hero of the Second World War, George Phillips won a DSO as a commanding officer in 1939 and, later, a fine reputation when he led the famous 10th Submarine Flotilla during the final campaigns in the Mediterranean.

In November 1937 he took command of the submarine *Ursula*, then under construction. Commissioning in October 1938, *Ursula* was one of the small "U" class submarines that were later to prove so effective in coastal waters and in the Mediterranean.

The name "Ursula suit" has been applied to a style of submariners' foul-weather clothing for so long now that even many submariners have forgotten why. But it was Phillips who, fed up with standard Admiralty oilskins, which were quite unsuitable for the really wet conditions on the conning towers of small submarines, adapted a one-piece motorcycling outfit. This was owned by his navigating officer, afterwards Lieutenant-Commander A. D. Piper. Proving tests with a fire-hose were followed by a two-piece version which was adopted as standard issue for submarines.

Based at *HMS Elgin* at Blyth on the outbreak of war, *Ursula* was engaged in the first tentative grappling that was to determine the naval balance in the North Sea and in Scandinavian waters around Jutland and the Skagerrak. On December 12, five German destroyer escorts supported by the light cruisers *Leipzig*, *Nürnberg* and *Köln* laid a large contact minefield off the Tyne. On their return, they were attacked by Lieutenant-Commander Bickford in the submarine *Salmon* who achieved an astonishing pair of torpedo hits from very long range, damaging both *Leipzig* and *Nürnberg*.

On December 14, protected by five escorts, *Leipzig* was limping down the Danish coast when she was sighted by Phillips who, despite shallow water and sandbanks, pressed home an attack. His salvo of torpedoes missed the cruiser but sank the destroyer escort *F9*. For his part in this important action, which cooled German enthusiasm for minelaying, Phillips was awarded the DSO and an exceptionally early promotion to commander.



Phillips coming ashore in his heavy-weather Ursula suit after attacking the German cruiser *Leipzig* in December 1939

In March 1940, while blockading the Kattegat, Phillips sank the 5,000-ton ore carrier *Heddenheim* just outside neutral waters. This ship had pretended to be Estonian, but after Phillips had surfaced and fired a shot across its bows, the escaping crew proved to be German.

Appointed to the *Elgin* in command of a submarine squadron, he was awarded the George Medal for his personal courage when, on August 8, 1941, there was a serious fire in a Norwegian submarine lying alongside the depot ship. This happened during the charging of batteries, when inadequate ventilation caused an explosive build-up of hydrogen gas. Without regard for the danger, Phillips led the rescue of several injured and asphyxiated sailors from inside the submarine hull.

George Chesterman Phillips joined the Royal Navy in 1918 and first went to sea in 1922 in the light cruiser *Hawkins*, then the flagship of the China Station. After a tour in the battleship *Marlborough* in the Home Fleet, where he qualified as a French interpreter, he returned to China as a supernumerary in the submarine depot ship *Titania*, then as second-in-command of the small submarine *L20*. A break of two years in the minesweeper *Albury* was followed by a return to submarines, and he served in *L71* and *Otway* before being given command of *H34*, all with the Atlantic Fleet.

Phillips was given early promotion to acting captain in December 1942 and appointed to command the 10th Submarine Flotilla at Malta. This flotilla, consisting mainly of "U" class submarines, contained many submarine commanders whose exploits had made them household names. While the tide was turning in the Allies' favour in early 1943, there was still an unremitting need to continue to interdict the convoys carrying supplies to Rommel's army in North Africa.

Two thirds of Britain's operational submarines — more than 30 — were deployed in the Mediterranean at this time, based in flotillas at Algiers, Malta and Beirut. Seven were lost in the first few months of 1943, four from mines. Admiral Cunningham, the C-in-C, remarked that the work of the 8th and 10th submarine flotillas was a major factor in the success of the allied armies during the desperate eleventh hour attempts by the enemy to reinforce Tunisia.

During these operations and subsequently in support of Operation Husky, the invasion of Sicily, as well as the shift in focus towards the Aegean that followed the invasion of Italy, Phillips's leadership was much tested. Responsible for morale, technical excellence and the planning of operations, he also had to fill the gap left by his predecessor, the renowned and ebullient Captain "Shrimp" Simpson. But in spite of his quieter and more retiring personality he was much loved by all his subordinates.

In 1945 he was in charge of administration and personnel for the submarine force at *HMS Dolphin*. In the following year he assumed command of Fort Blockhouse at Gosport and the 5th Submarine Squadron.

He retired at his own request in 1947 to take up the farming of his smallholding in Hampshire. At about this time he received the princely sum of £100 as a prize for the invention of the Ursula suit. This was spent on a cow called Lottie, but the first calf and many successors were of course named Ursula.

During the next few years Phillips moved to the West Country with his family and farmed a number of smallholdings, finally settling at West Mersea on the Blackwater in Essex. In 1963 he was director of the Foundation Appeal for Essex University and raised his target of £1 million to be matched by the Government, in a year. In fact, he raised an extra £¼ million, earning the gratitude of Rab Butler, its Chancellor, and Dr Albert Sloman, its first Vice-Chancellor, as this enabled the new university to do things which would otherwise have been impossible.

Described as ingenious and optimistic, Phillips was a keen sailor and built his own Albacore racing dinghy as well as gutting and renovating the family croft — "two rooms and a pigsty" — in western Ireland.

He had a son by his first marriage and a daughter by his second. He married, thirdly, in 1978, Pamela Hunt, who survives him.

IAN GREIG

Ian Greig, a founder of the Monday Club, died on October 12 aged 70. He was born on October 26, 1924.

AN acknowledged authority on subversion and counter-insurgency, Ian Greig was known for the alert stance he took against communist infiltration of the West. He spoke out strongly about dangers to democratic freedoms. *Pravda* labelled him an enemy of the state, and many of his fellow Europeans accused him of seeing "reds under the beds". But Greig maintained that the reds were not only under the beds but in them, too.

He made his position clear in his first major book, *The Assault on the West* (1968), an unequivocal study to which his close friend Sir Alec Douglas-Home (who died a few days before him) contributed a foreword. "The lesson of this book is crystal clear," Douglas-Home wrote. "It is that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance."

Greig was always to enjoy recalling a performance of *Vivat! Vivat! Regina* when the audience was filled with Soviet diplomats who were expelled the next day. After talk of "spies in our midst" in the play, Sir Alec winked at Greig and his wife and advised them to look at the morning papers.

Greig agreed with Brigadier (later General Sir Frank) Kitson that British Forces were insufficiently educated in coping with terrorist and revolutionary activity. Both men felt that other countries' soldiers were more informed on both this and on psychological warfare propaganda. Yet Greig was often castigated for illuminating this deficiency.

Ian Greig was born in London but he was of Scottish descent from the McLeans of Col on his mother's side and the Earls of Stirling on his father's. He was educated at Stowe, from where, at the age of 18, he was commissioned into a cavalry regiment and went on to serve in Holland in the aftermath of Arnhem.

He used to joke that he was probably the first soldier to take Germany by mistake, recounting the story of how once, in his tank, he got separated from his regiment and suddenly found himself surrounded by German soldiers all throwing down their weapons and raising their hands in the air. Unable to take quite so many prisoners single-handed he sent his second-in-command back for reinforcements.

When the war was over Greig remained for a while in the Army, travelling to the trouble spots of first Aden and then Palestine with the peacekeeping forces. He was fascinated by Palestine and his experiences there triggered his preoccupation with terrorism.

Always interested in politics, he became a Conservative constituency agent before embarking on his career as a journalist and broadcaster in the overseas service and armed forces network. But he would often return to his beloved Scotland, and it was there that he met his future wife, Isabel Campbell, whom he married in 1959. She worked as a researcher on all his projects.

In the early 1960s, Greig and a group of friends started the Conservative pressure group, the Monday Club, with the encouragement of Lord Salisbury. Greig had become concerned about the fate of the African continent after Macmillan's famous "wind of change" speech. Former colonies, he argued, were being thrown dangerously open to socialist influences. The club's foreign affairs group published several papers on Rhodesia and South Africa.

In its early days, the club included Julian Amery, James Molyneaux and John Biggs-Davison, who was to become Greig's greatest friend. Together they played a significant role in shaping Conservative politics until the end of the 1970s. But though, as a founder, Greig remained a life member of the Monday Club his interest in the organisation gradually declined and in its latter years he was completely divorced from it.

Together with his wife and John Biggs-Davison, Greig made frequent visits to Ulster, often finding himself marooned in the most dangerous spots, largely due to what, by his own confession, were appalling navigational skills. He would ask his wife to get out of the car to request directions, feeling that she cut a less suspicious figure.

He wrote about the IRA for specialist journals and in recent years contributed political briefings and pamphlets to Friends of the Union, including *The Green and the Red: The Influence of the Ultra Left on the Situation in Northern Ireland*. The politics of Ulster was a subject which was to remain close to his heart and at the time of his death, he was preparing a piece on the many "punishment beatings" inflicted by terrorist gangs on young people. He was a compassionate man and this violence affected him deeply.

Greig was also known for his charitable work. He and his wife had travelled in South Vietnam during the war, and he wholeheartedly supported her in her efforts to help Vietnamese war orphans. After the Harrods bombing, they also set up the Combined Emergency Services Fund to help Service people injured by terrorist action. In 1989 they extended the charity's work through the John Biggs-Davison Memorial Trust.

Ian Greig is survived by his wife Isabel.

MICHAEL DUTFIELD



Michael Dutfield with the widow of Seretse Khama, Ruth

Michael Dutfield, TV producer, was killed on October 27 in an accident while riding his motorcycle aged 48. He was born on July 19, 1947.

MIKE DUTFIELD was acknowledged as one of the outstanding television documentary journalists of his generation. He produced BBC and ITV programmes on the front line from Ulster, Beirut, Bosnia, Sudan and southern Africa. He also made thoughtful films on more domestic topics in Britain.

His approach was brave but never foolhardy; his concern for the lives of his entire crew meant that he was the safest person to be with when the going got tough, as it invariably did. His films were direct, hardhitting and sceptical of the authorities. Like all broadcast producers whose work is to direct the filming and manage the whole assignment, he was less known to the public than reporters who appear on screen. But many of the famous faces know first-hand the irresistibly zestful contribution that made him a larger-than-life character. Although he excelled at such joint journalistic ventures, in much of his recent work he personally combined the work of both reporter and producer.

From his own experience in South Africa he was committed to telling the full story of Seretse Khama's battle with the British and South African governments to marry a white British woman — a project he brought movingly to the screen in 1990, and for which he also wrote the book *A Marriage of Inconvenience*. In 1989 he won the Royal Television Society award for his Northern Ireland series *Families at War*. His most recent film *The Fall of Saigon*, in which he tracked down both the last Americans to leave Vietnam in 1975 and the Vietnamese colleagues they abandoned, was described by one American critic as the "documentary of the decade".

One of Dutfield's special interests, arising from his visits to the Middle East, was the resurgence of Islam. His series *From Beirut to Bosnia* investigated, with the reporter Robert Fisk, the revival of fundamentalism in ways that challenged the viewer to see beyond the stereotype of extremists and terrorism. He had been preparing for trips to Algeria and Tajikistan to document the ferocity of the inter-Islamic fighting there when, although an expert "biker", he met his death.

After Cambridge, where he read English at Caius College, and gained a boxing Blue as a light heavyweight, he went with his young wife to work in Zambia and Rhodesia. But Dutfield got his first experience in journalism when he persuaded the *Rand Daily Mail* to give him a three-day trial as a reporter. It launched his career and marked his life. He spent four and a half years in South Africa reporting some of the worst excesses of apartheid — including the 1976 Soweto uprising, during which he was briefly jailed.

He returned to Britain and worked in BBC television and was soon a challenging and accomplished producer in, successively, *Tonight*, *Newsnight*, *Panorama* and in the mid-1980s Thames TV's *This Week*. Most recently he had been a partner in the leading independent production company, Barraclough Carey.

He is survived by his wife Heather and two daughters.

CARLETON HETHERINGTON

Carleton Hetherington, CBE, Secretary of the Association of County Councils, 1974-80, died on October 15 aged 79. He was born on February 13, 1916.



AS THE highly respected chief central official of the nation's county councils for more than 16 years, Carleton Hetherington was a powerful advocate of local democracy. He also exercised great influence on issues which are still current, including the structure of local government, the role of county councils, regional government and central-local government relations.

Arthur Carleton Hetherington was educated at St Bees School, Cumbria, and admitted solicitor in 1938. His start as a solicitor in local government was interrupted in 1939 when he joined the Royal Artillery, being demobbed in 1946 with the rank of lieutenant-colonel; his last post was Staff Officer to the Austrian Control Commission. On his return to civilian life he made rapid progress, becoming Clerk of the Peace and Clerk of the County Council of Cheshire in 1959.

In 1964 he was persuaded by his fellow county clerks to seek to fill the sudden vacancy in the post of Secretary of the County Councils Association (which became the Association of County Councils in 1974). He — and they — realised the importance of a voluntary association retaining the confidence and trust of the membership. The direct staff of the association, although experienced and with a wide range of skills, was deliberately kept small in order to make full use of the professional skills of chief executives and chief officers of member councils.

This system of advisers involved a great deal of extra time and effort which those concerned willingly gave (and still do) with the agreement of their employing authorities. But it not only provided a vast pool of expertise; it helped to avoid the danger, which Hetherington recognised, of the association becoming an intermediate government.

Hetherington also recognised the sensitive role of officials, believing in a partnership between the officers and the elected councillors who had the right to make the decisions. He, therefore, always fought hard for the officers to be given the opportunity to offer advice and state a view, even if that made it difficult for the elected member to make the decision.

The other major problem which he tackled successfully was the reconciliation of the role of the association in representing the views of individual member councils with the need for the association to speak, if not for local government as a whole, then at least for county government. Hetherington always defended the right of any council to disagree with the association and take such action as it thought fit, and also saw the need for the value of presenting central government with a case backed by all his members. It was remarkably rare to find opposition from individual authorities when the association as a whole had made a decision.

Hetherington acknowledged that he "quite enjoyed a good argument". When the occasion required, he was more than capable of ceasing to be his normal soft-spoken self: he was never shy of recalling occasions when, to use his own understatement, "it got heated and there was a lot of table banging".

On the international scene he used his position as secretary-general of the British Sections of the International Union of Local Authorities and the Council of European Municipalities not only to represent the views of British local government but to help and advise his friends and colleagues from all five continents. He worked quietly and efficiently in the corridors of power in Brussels and Strasbourg, making a wide circle of friends throughout the world.

Hetherington still found time for other activities. He was secretary of the Local Authorities Management Services and Computer Committee and a director of Municipal Mutual Insurance. He was a member of the Home Office Departmental Committee on Jury Service, 1963-65. Hetherington was appointed MBE (Military) in 1944 and advanced to CBE in 1971.

He attached great importance to his home life. Although it was inevitable that he should take work home, he always emphasised that he did not take the job home: "Problems of the Rate Support Grant are as nothing compared with what the family are doing."

He leaves his widow Xenia and three sons.

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TURKISH REPUBLIC PROCLAIMED

KEMAL PASHA FIRST PRESIDENT

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 30.

The Republic was proclaimed last evening at Angora, and Mustapha Kemal Pasha was elected President unanimously in an Assembly of 158, that is, barely 50 per cent of the membership. Ismet Pasha was appointed Prime Minister, and accepted the charge of forming a Cabinet.

It is possible now to give a coherent account of the events which followed each other yesterday with such bewildering rapidity. Since the Popular Party failed to nominate candidates to the new Cabinet, an appeal was made to Mustapha Kemal Pasha, who consented to intervene on condition that a Republic was proclaimed and the President endowed with the powers named in my dispatch yesterday [namely, that the President should be elected for the duration of the Grand National Assembly, but should be re-eligible; that he should also be President of the Assembly, and have the right to choose the Prime Minister and approve of the other Ministers]. The proposals giving the stipulated powers were accepted almost without discussion. After insisting on the fact that sovereignty belongs absolutely to the people and declaring that the word Republic, which rejects all connotation of individual sovereignty, well summed up the existing situation, the proposals went on to declare that, in order to fix responsibility, it was essential that the head of the Cabinet should be nominated by the President, and consequently certain changes of the Organic Law were requisite.

These changes naturally proved identical with the proposals already put forward by Mustapha Kemal Pasha, plus some minor declarations. A few Deputies supported certain amendments, on the score that there was still a *clique* round the Palace, and that those who had ideas outside the Republican system sought to put monarchs again on the throne, but the motion was quickly put amid cries of "Long live the Republic," and Mustapha Kemal Pasha was immediately chosen President. Mustapha Kemal then made a short speech of thanks, expressing confidence in the future of the Republic, and begging the aid of the Assembly. The news of these dramatic events was greeted with popular demonstrations in the streets and a salvo of a hundred and one guns was fired.

Although Constantinople is dutifully beginning to beflag itself, the population is still dumbfounded by the events, and such comments as are heard on all sides are by no means favourable. The mouthpiece of this criticism is the *Tevhid*, which roundly says that the resignation of Fethi Bey was a "put-up job." It is argued that the present Assembly had no right to amend the Constitution; that this is the duty of the Constituent Assembly, and the proposed form of the Republic is contrary to all Republican principles. Being President of the Republic, the Assembly, the Cabinet, and the Popular Party, the President is a fourfold President, and though there is general confidence in Mustapha Kemal Pasha, who is a sincere patriot, there is no guarantee that future Presidents will make equally good use of powers without parallel in the Republics of America or even Africa . . .

Sheffield mathematics teacher gets sums right to put his side into third place

Transfers prove solution to the ITF equation

Kevins Kickers may be top of the ITF league once again, but if Mike Jones has anything to do with it, their days are numbered. Mr Jones is the proud selector of eight ITF teams, the sixth of which has moved up into third place behind Jessicas Darlings 4 and is poised for an attack on the Kickers.

Every week Mr Jones scans the fixture lists and dips in and out of the transfer market to pick the right players for the *right matches*. "It's a case of manipulating the players for each match," he said. On Friday, he bought Ian Dowie, of West Ham, for their match against Sheffield Wednesday and, sure enough, was rewarded when Dowie scored the winner at Hillsborough.

The stalwarts of his ever-changing team have been Kevin Keegan as manager — "with Newcastle doing so well, he's been *in from the start*" — Peter Schmeichel in goal and the midfield of Mark Draper, Jamie Redknapp, Mark Pembridge and Craig Hignett. But while the midfield heart of the team may have earned him 66 points so far, Hignett is on his way out. Mr Jones has his eyes on Trevor Sinclair for the future.

Steve Bould is another recent acquisition, bought five weeks ago to join Gary Pallister in the centre of defence with Rob Jones and Gary Charles at full back. Nicky Barmby is the last member of the team, joining Dowie in attack in a £4.75 million partnership.

How long that duo will last remains to be seen as Mr Jones has plans for a big-name striker to start earning big *points on a regular basis*. "It would be nice to have a Yeboah or a Ferdinand up front," he said, "but that means re-jigging the whole team to find the money for them." The calculations involved should not prove too difficult as Mr Jones is a mathematics teacher at Meadowhead School in Sheffield. "No, the figures don't prove too much of a problem, but I have a problem keeping track of *all the ins and outs* in every team."

To make matters as simple as possible, he has named his *eight teams Jones Boys one to eight*. The selection of players was difficult enough without finding witty names for every squad. And even with team six doing so well, there is still hope for the others as another variant on the Jones Boys dream team is just outside the leaderboard.

"The trick is to make sure you have a team of 11 players who will play every week," he said. "It's as simple as that."

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Sinclair, the in-form Queens Park Rangers midfield player, is being eyed as a possible transfer into the Jones Boys Six selection of Mike Jones

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Goalkeeper		Striker	
Keeps clean sheet*	4pts	Scores goal	2pts
Scores goal	3pts	All players	
Full back/Central defender		Appearance†	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	Manager	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper		Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal	1pt
All players		Manager	
Sent off	3pts	Team loses	1pt

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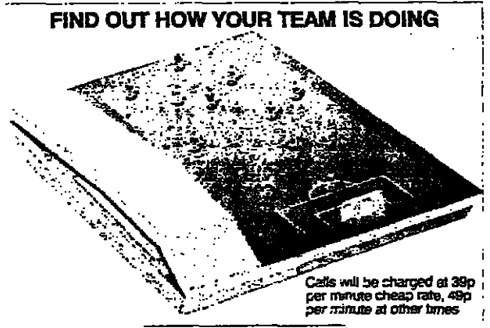
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THE LEADING 250 SELECTORS IN INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	Kevins Kickers	(K James)	236
2	Jessicas Darlings 4	(Mr A Nadison)	226
3	Jones Boys Six	(M Jones)	221
4	*Twighlight United*	(P Dilworth)	220
5	Rosies Supers	(P Sutton)	218
5	Nookies Bears	(S Cozens)	218
7	The Subjugators	(M Ayres)	217
7	Rosedale Rangers	(Mr D Green)	217
7	*Gohils Gods 65*	(Mr B Gohil)	217
10	Phychic TV	(T Vardy)	215
11	Steves Lions 5	(S Brewer)	214
11	Madrid Knights	(R Jenkinson)	214
13	Tommy Cockies XI	(Mr P Johnson)	213
14	Loxton's Longshots	(C Loxton)	212
14	Bassetts Bouncers	(J Hurd)	212
14	Nigels Right Foot	(Mr D Patel)	212
17	Bunwell United	(R Banham)	211
18	Mean Machine	(Ramesh Patel)	210
18	Formby Flyers	(A Norton)	210
18	Long Live The Queen	(L Wilson)	210
18	Belfast Rangers	(Mr D Crowe)	210
22	Steves Lions 7	(S Brewer)	209
22	*The Young Guns*	(B Shepherd)	209
22	Harrington Inter	(Mr D Lovell)	209
22	Teddy Five	(Mr B Bear)	209
26	Al's Alsorans	(A Hancock)	208
27	Incetta	(B Daly)	207
27	Transporter	(A Jenkinson)	207
27	Fergies Fury	(P Simpson)	207
27	The Premier Raiders 1	(Miss C Eka)	207
31	Nanou	(G Bahdjelian)	206
31	Beckys Babes	(D Ready)	206
31	Gary's Heroes	(–)	206
34	Gary Pearce	(G Pearce)	205
34	Tyes Blue Noses	(Mr S Tye)	205
34	Dreamer Fithp	(Mr G Wesson)	205
34	*No Defence Ok*	(J Portwood)	205
34	Watling Warriors	(P Shanks)	205
34	The Good Bad & Ugly	(K Booth)	205
40	Partisans	(E Donald)	204
40	Ohme	(R Matthewson)	204
40	Kbt Utd	(R Patterson)	204
40	Hull Red Devils	(G Foster)	204
40	Jesmond 1860	(S Murray)	204
45	Here We Go	(Mr S Smith)	203
45	Francis Caldwell FC	(F Caldwell)	203
45	Glow In The Dark	(J Smith)	203
48	Waters Wanderers	(Waters Wanderers)	202
48	Mac United	(T McCluskey)	202
48	*Allstars*	(Mr W Davisworth)	202
48	Fair Fair Flapster	(C Woodward)	202
48	Shrew Voles	(H Brasher)	202
48	Welldon Wanderers FC	(S Lee)	202
54	The French Do	(C Youds)	201
54	The Cake Eaters	(Mr S Hughes)	201
54	M I Blues	(P Harden)	201
54	The Conjurers	(Mr D Farmer)	201
54	Wolves Of Fenric	(S Adamson)	201
54	*They're Here*	(Mr P Johnson)	201
54	Bora In Tashkent	(Mr D McMahon)	201
54	Oh There It Is !	(P Jones)	201
62	Pudgels Foulers	(I Abu Hejleh	200
62		(P Hanna)	200
62	Barnet FC	(Mr P Johnson)	200
62	Jones Boys Four	(L Jones)	200
62	My Cat Bailey	(Mr P Johnson)	200
62	Brown Montego	(H Davies)	200
62	*Power House*	(A Jassa)	200
69	Sunderland Stars	(K Brown)	199
69	Inbetweener	(Mr A Sikora)	199
69	Wahtley Wanderers	(S Whatley)	199
69	Nirvana FC	(Mr J Donovan)	199
69	Newcastle Browns 2	(B MacLennan)	199
74	G Force	(W Gayle)	198
74	Dirty Boogers	(G Fallowfield)	198
74	Sharon's Buds	(Mr D Conroy)	198
74	Henry Hilda	(Mr T Thompson)	198
78	Richies Rovers	(R Lovell)	197
78	*L*	(L Brown)	197
78	Wallace Wanderers	(M Haugh)	197
78	Bazs Bruisers	(Mr B Harwood)	197
78	Beardsleys Hair	(Mr P Johnson)	197
78	Rassell 1	(D Shuter)	197
78	PSV Betamix	(Lt A McCole)	197
78	Dicks Dudes	(R Mason)	197
86	Robbo's Army	(P Callaghan)	196
86	The Warbirds	(K Anwar)	196
86	*Buxted Broncos*	(C Wadland)	196
86	Mighty Men 1	(C Marshall)	196
86	Gohils Gods 34	(Mr R Gohil)	196
86	Edprops United	(R Edmondson)	196
86	Jims XI	(J Hayes)	196
86	The Black Knights	(R Green)	196
86	Not Got A Chance	(M Clark)	196
86	Papadopoulos City	(A Papadopoulos)	196
86	Forman's Finest	(A Forman)	196
86	*Champions 1995-96*	(S McGill)	196
96	Netbusters	(C Mitchell)	195
98	Severn Legal	(M Moore)	195
98		(E Scott)	195
98	Grove Rovers	(T Townsend)	195
98	Brad Clt	(D Richmond)	195
98	Steves Lions 2	(S Brewer)	195
98	Inter Red Dragon	(D Williams)	195
98	Betley Reserves	(Mr M Wasik)	195
98	*Wheres Botham*	(Mr P Johnson)	195
98	Gohils Gods 35	(Mr R Gohil)	195
98	Abyssinians	(Mr A Tyreman)	195
98	SPMG Allstar XI	(S Potts)	195
98	Fantasy Formbook	(Mr G Crutchley)	195
98	Misfits Pathetic	(Mrs J Grainger)	195
98	Sunlight	(D Akhtar)	195
98	The UK Beavers	(J Elkins)	195
98	Phayco And Smither	(K Booth)	195
98	Cara's Hotshots	(C Carmese)	195
116	Scud 4	(P Hymes)	194
116	Alan Sugars Huge Ego	(N Emmerson)	194
116	Rovers FC	(D Summerhill)	194
116	Jaynes Jugs	(K Hughes)	194
116	A Team	(A James)	194
116	*Donnas Doughnuts*	(D Burt)	194
116	Taylor Cockrels	(J Taylor)	194
116	Ramsey Rovers	(P Hill)	194
116	Adams' Sneekers	(M Sladden)	194
116	FC Wombles	(A Williams)	194
126	Mgm	(M Morgan)	193
126	Dustys All Stars	(K M Bailey)	193
126	Amarch	(A Matthewson)	193
126	Silldown Rovers	(S Cowan)	193
126	Kims Kickers	(G Sutton)	193
126	Walsharmy AFC	(Mr D Walsh)	193
126	Triple Peelers	(J Portwood)	193
126	Andys Athletic	(A Howse)	193
126	The Jakies	(M Adams)	193
126	The Tasman Cometh 2	(Mr P Ashoka)	193
126	Millers Reserves	(Mr I Davies)	193
126	Top Heavy?	(P Young)	193
126	No Hopers	(S Harris)	193
126	Twinkletoes Two	(J Brown)	193
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140	Only-Can Saver	(M Mckeown)	192
140	Finglen Flyers	(E Ronald)	192
140	Neil's Nobblers	(Mr B O'Sullivan)	192
140	Good Times United	(Mr T Stableford)	192
140	Glenwood FC	(R Greenhalgh)	192
140	Dicks Delight	(Mrs G Jennison)	192
140	Gaffit Utd	(A Culpin)	192
140	Than United	(N Giddings)	192
140	Dynamo Nurdley	(P Holmes)	192
140	Partizan Beograd I	(Mr D Stojkovic)	192
140	The Cutting Edge	(Mr A Weston)	192
140	Eggs N'ham	(Mr D Warner)	192
140	Bohlsen Forest	(S Bunn)	192
140	NEP Wanderers	(Mr C Barr)	192
140	Disaster Area	(S Pottage)	192
140	Pig In A Poke	(Mr J Waters)	192
140	Mercer's Men	(D Bowlers)	192
140	Fantasy Flops?	(I Nield)	192
140	Gohils Gods 82	(Mr B Gohil)	192
140	St Mary's Saint	(A Brough)	192
140	Tiggers Two	(L Lindstrom)	192
140	Martinets 5	(T Martin)	192
140	Yip Man Rovers	(M Garner)	192
164	No Fear Utd	(G Saunders)	191
164	Goal Diggers	(C Stacey)	191
164	Warren Wizards	(J Buckle)	191
164	Golden Boots	(A Marshall)	191
164	Scol Utd	(B Scollick)	191
164	View Forth	(Mr J Taylor)	191
164	Anti-Saints	(J Lowson)	191
164	Laytons Lions	(Mr R Layton)	191
164	The Hair Bear Bunch	(V Mason)	191
164	Malcolm Hair XI	(C Wilcox)	191
164	The Otters	(O Millar)	191
164	Captins Best	(Mr D Holloway)	191
164	Khamashkin Shilsee	(Mr G Fogel)	191
164	Jacobookie FC	(Mr A Jacobucci)	191
164	SM Balance 5	(S Mulligan)	191
164	Shep's Super Squad	(T Shepherd)	191
164	Les Grange	(Dr Swatman)	191
164	Boing Boing Baggy	(T Horne)	191
164	The Talent	(S Cole)	191
164	Robbie's Rovers	(R Dick)	191
164	Morrison Mashers	(A Morrison)	191
164	Poundswick Pupils	(J Platter)	191
164	Sporting Siders	(K Doughty)	191
164	Rokar Rovers	(D Milbourn)	191
164	Overhill Rovers	(Mr M James)	191
164	Dissen Dynamo	(R Hawkes)	191
190	Reef Hampton	(K Ganesh)	190
190	*Rapid Overton*	(R Overton)	190
190	Norfolk N Good	(A Graver)	190
190	Fantasy FC	(D Venn)	190
190	M S Allstars	(M Stayman)	190
190	We're Not Boring	(W Gadd)	190
190	Leeds The Fields	(Mr D Smith)	190
190	Tinde United	(Dr T Adetunji)	190
190	Howies Heroes	(Mr H West)	190
190	QPR Auctioneers A	(S Kempher)	190
190	Just For Fun	(R Nicholson)	190
190	One-Under Par	(C Bird)	190
190	Crofton Rangers	(G Moss)	190
190	Brooksborough	(G Brooks)	190
190	Red Men	(M Percival)	190
190	The McMenemys	(I Broadsmith)	190
190	Warbreck Misfits	(C Lang)	190
190	Terry's Tigers	(M Greensill)	190
190	Elm Park Aphids	(Mr J Petty)	190
190	Moneybags United	(P Ettridge)	190
190	*Blatant Orient*	(J Clay)	190
190	Chloes Boys	(B Taylor)	190
190	Razor's Raiders	(R Knowles)	190
190	Oh Nicky Evans	(Mr P Johnson)	190
190	AC Dundee	(F McDonald)	190
190	UFS United	(M Hyland)	190
216	Paterson 5 Dreamers	(M Paterson)	189
216	Blackpearls	(W Gayle)	189
216	Latham Latics	(W Latham)	189
216	*Novocastrians*	(E Donald)	189
216	Steves Lions 8	(S Brewer)	189
216	Dasmaridms	(Mr V Gillard)	189
216	Chipmonks	(Mrs S Hancock)	189
216	Monster Monster	(M Parish)	189
216	United City Rovers	(C McGuinness)	189
216	The Locksters	(D Lock)	189
216	No Way Thru' 11	(Mr A Sydenham)	189
216	The Butler	(S Umarjee)	189
216	The Masked Turnips	(Mr D Warby)	189
216	Esther My Lovely	(Mr P Johnson)	189
216	Team Pullasio	(S Anderson)	189
216	Egerton Park	(D Rhoades)	189
216	Ashford Borough	(Mr W Donoghue)	189
216	Highbery Utd	(E Pryce)	189
234	Gujar Khan United	(F Mahmood)	188
234	Wardens Worldera	(S Warden)	188
234	Mad XI	(D Rodgers)	188
234	Mans Marvels	(Max Watson)	188
234	Wilbos Villains	(P G Willetts)	188
234	Cousins	(A Keighley)	188
234	Leatherhill City	(P Harris)	188
234	Maths Staff Monsters	(M Meldrum)	188
234	Steves Lions 6	(S Brewer)	188
234	Good Mate Fellas	(J Cook)	188
234	Brian's Barbers	(B Atkinson)	188
234	Adams Allstars	(Mr M Harrison)	188
234	Debdale Wolves	(R Hart)	188
234	Al Jolly [illegible]	(Mr J Reader)	188
234	Team [illegible]	(R Mcleary)	188
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Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
10101	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	+5	-19
10102	R Mimms	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	-1
10201	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	+5	+4
10301	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	-1	-1
10302	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
10401	D James	Liverpool	3.50	+5	+15
10402	A Warner	Liverpool	0.25	0	0
10501	J Lukic	Leeds United	3.00	-1	+1
10502	M Beeney	Leeds United	0.75	0	0
10601	P Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0
10602	M Hooper	Newcastle United	1.00	0	0
10603	S Hislop	Newcastle United	3.00	-1	+7
10701	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	-1	-17
10702	E Thorstvedt	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	0
10801	A Roberts	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-7
10802	S Dykstra	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0	0
10803	J Sommer	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	-1	-8
10901	H Segers	Wimbledon	1.50	0	0
10902	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
10903	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.50	-3	-28
11001	B Grobbelaar	Southampton	1.50	0	0
11002	D Beasant	Southampton	0.75	-1	-17
11101	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	-5	+2
11102	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	1.00	0	0
11201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	0	+24
11202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
11301	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	-1	-3
11302	C Woods	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	0
11401	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.50	+5	-2
11402	L Sealey	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
11501	N Southall	Everton	2.50	-1	-9
11502	J Kearton	Everton	0.75	0	0
11601	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
11602	J Gould	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
11603	J Filan	Coventry City	1.50	-5	-23
11701	A Coton	Manchester City	2.50	0	0
11702	A Dibble	Manchester City	2.50	0	0
11703	E Immel	Manchester City	2.00	-11	-23
11801	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	2.50	+5	+15
11802	N Spink	Aston Villa	1.00	0	0
11901	A Miller	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	+3
11902	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	0.75	-3	+20
12001	K Branagan	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	-34
12002	A Davison	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0

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20101	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	+4	-1
20102	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	0	-3
20103	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	+4	+1
20201	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.50	+4	+4
20202	P Parker	Manchester United	2.50	0	+6
20203	G Neville	Manchester United	2.50	+4	+2
20204	P Neville	Manchester United	0.75	0	+5
20301	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.50	-1	+11
20302	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+11
20303	A-I Haaland	Nottingham Forest	0.80	0	0
20401	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	+15
20402	S-I Bjornebye	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
20403	S Harkness	Liverpool	0.75	+3	+18
20501	A Dorigo	Leeds United	3.50	0	+6
20502	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	0	+7
20503	N Worthington	Leeds United	1.50	0	0
[illegible]	K Sharp	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
[illegible]	J Beresford	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+15
[illegible]	M Hottiger	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0
20603	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+14
20701	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	-5
20702	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	-3
20703	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	0
20704	D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	0.90	0	0
20705	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	-3
20801	D Bardsley	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0	-2
20802	R Brevett	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-3
20803	N Zelic	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0	0
20901	A Kimble	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+2
20902	G Elkins	Wimbledon	1.50	-1	-8
20903	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	1.50	-1	-10
20904	R Joseph	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
21001	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	0	-1
21002	F Benali	Southampton	0.90	0	-2
21003	S Charlton	Southampton	0.90	0	+1
21101	S Clarke	Chelsea	1.50	0	+3
21102	S Minto	Chelsea	1.50	0	+3
21103	G Hall	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
21104	A Myers	Chelsea	0.50	-3	+9
21201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	0	+20
21202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	0	+20
21203	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
21301	D Petrescu	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+1
21302	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+8
21303	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+3
21401	J Dicks	West Ham United	3.50	+3	+4
21402	T Breacker	West Ham United	3.00	0	-2
21403	K Brown	West Ham United	0.75	0	0
21404	K Rowland	West Ham United	0.75	0	+3
21501	G Ablett	Everton	2.50	0	+6
21502	E Barrett	Everton	2.50	0	+4
21503	M Jackson	Everton	1.50	0	0
21504	P Holmes	Everton	0.50	0	-2
21601	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
21602	A Pickering	Coventry City	0.90	-2	-2
21603	S Morgan	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
21604	M Hall	Coventry City	0.75	-3	-10
21701	T Phelan	Manchester City	1.50	0	-5
21702	R Edghill	Manchester City	1.50	-6	-9
21703	D Brightwell	Manchester City	0.75	0	0
21704	J Foster	Manchester City	0.75	0	-5
21801	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	+4	+19
21802	S Staunton	Aston Villa	4.50	0	+4
21803	A Wright	Aston Villa	2.50	+4	+18
21804	P King	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
21805	B Small	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
[illegible]	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	0
21902	N Cox	Middlesbrough	0.90	-2	+20
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+19
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	0
22001	G Bergsson	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	-12
22002	S Green	Bolton Wanderers	0.25	0	-11
22003	J Phillips	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	-13
22004	A Todd	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	+2
22005	S McAnespie	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	-2

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30101	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	+3	+1
30102	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	+4	+3
30103	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	0
30104	A Reed	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	0
30201	S Bruce	Manchester United	4.50	+3	+12
30202	G Pallister	Manchester United	4.50	+7	+14
30203	D May	Manchester United	1.50	0	0
30301	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0	+12
30302	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+6
30303	C Tiler	Nottingham Forest	0.75	+1	+1
30401	P Babb	Liverpool	3.00	+4	+17
30402	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.50	+4	+16
30403	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	+1	0
30404	M Wright	Liverpool	1.00	+4	+16
30405	D Matteo	Liverpool	0.75	0	+4
30501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	3.50	0	+12
30502	C Palmer	Leeds United	3.00	0	+9
30503	J Pemberton	Leeds United	1.50	0	0
30505	P Beesley	Leeds United	1.00	0	+1
30601	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.00	0	+3
30602	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+18
30603	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+15
30606	R Jobson	Leeds United	1.50	0	0
30701	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	-3
30702	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	-3
30703	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	-1
30704	K Scott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	0
30705	J Cundy	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
30801	D Maddix	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-4
30802	S Yates	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-3
30803	A McDonald	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0	0
30805	K Ready	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	-1	-4
30901	A Reeves	Wimbledon	2.50	0	-2
30902	A Thorn	Wimbledon	0.75	0	-2
30903	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.75	-4	-8
30904	C Perry	Wimbledon	1.00	-1	-11
31001	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0	-4
31002	A Neilson	Southampton	1.50	0	+7
31003	R Hall	Southampton	1.50	0	-3
31101	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	-3	+8
31102	J Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	1.50	0	0
31103	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	-2	+3
31104	D Lee	Chelsea	0.75	0	+1
31201	T Adams	Arsenal	4.50	0	+24
31202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	0	+21
31203	M Keown	Arsenal	1.50	0	+17
31204	A Linighan	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
31301	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+6
31302	A Pearce	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+2
31401	S Potts	West Ham United	2.50	+4	+5
31402	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	+4	+2
31403	A Martin	West Ham United	1.00	+4	+12
31404	S Webster	West Ham United	0.75	0	0
31405	A Whitbread	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
31501	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	-1	+2
31502	D Watson	Everton	2.50	0	+2
31503	C Short	Everton	2.50	0	-4
31602	D Rennie	Coventry City	0.75	-2	-4
31603	D Busst	Coventry City	0.75	-2	0
31604	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	-7
31701	K Curle	Manchester City	1.50	-5	-7
31702	A Kernaghan	Manchester City	1.00	0	-1
31703	M Vonk	Manchester City	1.00	0	0
31704	K Symons	Manchester City	1.50	-5	-7
31801	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	2.50	+3	+18
31802	P McGrath	Aston Villa	1.50	0	+8
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	0.75	-1	+19
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	0.75	-1	+26
31903	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	-2	-3
31904	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+19
32001	A Stubbs	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	-4
32002	C Fairclough	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	-13
32003	S Coleman	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	0
32004	G Taggart	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	-2
32005	G Strong	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0



Webster's strategy of spreading his £35 million budget evenly makes him the players' leading ITF selector

Balance tips the scales

Simon Webster, the West Ham United centre back, makes his ITF selections

I PICKED my Interactive Team Football (ITF) team when West Ham were playing at Nottingham Forest at the start of the season. Martin Allen, who was our Professional Footballers' Association representative, said he had a couple of entry forms left and it was about time I put in a team. So while the lads were warming up, I sat myself down in a corner and picked my team.

I messed up my first attempt — I put in a few of my team-mates and then discovered that was against the rules — so then I locked myself away and thought about it a bit more. All the same, I didn't know until yesterday that I was leading the players' league, so I must have picked well.

It's difficult to get the right balance of players within the £35 million budget. There are two ways of doing it. You either go for a side that won't let many goals in or you go for the star centre forwards who are going to get you lots of goals, but then that takes up all your money. And if you do it that way, you have to go for bargain basement players for your defence who won't earn you many points.

I tried for an evenly-balanced side and tried to spend the same amount of money in each area of the field. As a defender, I was looking for a solid base for the team, one that wouldn't let many goals in. I picked the Everton centre backs, Dave Watson and David Unsworth. I watched Everton last season and, even though they struggled, I thought Unsworth was a good young prospect. And as for Watson, he's a good solid defender and I've always admired him.

Of course, David Seaman, of Arsenal, has earned me a lot of points but he's always been a good clean-sheet man. He may be expensive but he's worth the money for that. Neil Cox, of Middlesbrough, has done well for me, too; they've let very few goals in so far, so he's been earning the points. I had to change the team around a couple of times to keep within the spending limit, and Cox was one of the ones I brought in because, at only £1 million, he helped balance the books. He may have started out as a second thought, but he has been a very good buy.

I decided that I wasn't going to splash out on big buys up front, which means I haven't gained a huge amount of points from my strikers. But Mark Hughes, I think, is due to score a few more goals soon. Dean Holdsworth hasn't scored as many goals as he has in previous seasons, but he's still a dangerous player.

Ruud Gullit, though, has been worth the £4 million. He has performed exceptionally well since he went to Chelsea. He has been their outstanding performer quite a few times. In fact he is the star in all their games, but that hasn't come as a surprise, because everyone expected a player of his talent to do well.

Gullit may be near the end of his career, but Glenn Hoddle has put him in a position where Chelsea will get the maximum value out of him. As a sweeper, he is out of the rough and tumble of the defence and it also means that he can move up to midfield or attack as he wants, which takes the strain off him and means he can earn me points from every area of the field.

WEBSTER'S TEAM

Goalkeeper:	D Seaman	(Arsenal)	£5m
Full backs:	G Kelly	(Leeds)	£3m
	N Cox	(Middlesbro)	£1m
Centre backs:	D Unsworth	(Everton)	£2.5m
	D Watson	(Everton)	£2.5m
Midfielders:	D Batty	(Blackburn)	£1.5m
	T Sherwood	(Blackburn)	£2.5m
	R Gullit	(Chelsea)	£4m
	G McAllister	(Leeds)	£4m
Strikers:	M Hughes	(Chelsea)	£4m
	D Holdsworth	(Wimbledon)	£4m
Manager:	H Redknapp	(West Ham)	£1m

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40102	D Batty	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	+2	+11
40103	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	0	0
40104	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+4	+13
40105	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	+2	+11
40107	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0
40109	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	+5
40110	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	+2	+12
40111	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0
40111	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0
40201	R Giggs	Manchester United	5.50	+2	+16
40202	R Keane	Manchester United	2.50	-3	+7
40203	L Sharpe	Manchester United	3.00	0	+13
40205	N Butt	Manchester United	2.00	+1	+13
40206	D Beckham	Manchester United	0.75	0	+15
40207	S Davies	Manchester United	0.75	0	+1
40302	C Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+6
40303	I Woan	Nottingham Forest	3.00	+1	+16
40304	S Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00	+1	+17
40305	D Phillips	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+6
40306	S Gemmill	Nottingham Forest	2.00	+1	+5
40307	K Black	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
40401	S McManaman	Liverpool	6.50	+2	+21
40402	J Redknapp	Liverpool	2.50	+4	+20
40403	J Barnes	Liverpool	3.00	0	+17
40404	P Stewart	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
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40410	J Molby	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40411	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	+2	+6
40501	G McAllister	Leeds United	4.00	+7	+20
40502	G Speed	Leeds United	4.00	0	+16
40503	R Wallace	Leeds United	2.50	0	+6
40504	D White	Leeds United	1.50	0	+5
40505	L Radebe	Leeds United	0.75	0	0
40506	M Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50	0	+3
40601	R Lee	Newcastle United	4.50	+1	+20
40603	D Ginola	Newcastle United	4.50	+3	+17
40604	K Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.00	+1	+19
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40706	I Dumitrescu	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	0	+3
40707	R Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	6.00	+1	+6
40801	S Barker	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	+1	+13
40802	I Holloway	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0	+9
40803	A Impey	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	+1	+13
40804	S Hodge	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0	0
40805	T Sinclair	Queens Park Rangers	3.00	+3	+15
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41105	N Spackman	Chelsea	0.75	0	+4
41106	C Burley	Chelsea	1.00	+1	+7
41108	E Newton	Chelsea	0.75	+1	+8
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41302	A Sinton	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	+1	+4
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41402	D Hutchison	West Ham United	5.00	0	+10
41404	M Allen	West Ham United	2.00	0	+4
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41406	D Gordon	West Ham United	0.90	0	0
41409	R Slater	West Ham United	0.90	+1	+10
41410	S Lazaridis	West Ham United	0.90	0	+2
41411	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00	+2	+5
41501	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	5.00	+1	+10
41502	J Ebbrell	Everton	1.50	+1	+1
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41506	J Parkinson	Everton	0.90	0	+13
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41702	P Beagrie	Manchester City	3.00	0	+3
41703	S Lomas	Manchester City	1.50	0	+7
41704	I Brightwell	Manchester City	1.50	+1	+3
41706	N Summerbee	Manchester City	1.50	+1	+7
41707	G Kinkladze	Manchester City	1.50	0	+11
41801	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.00	+2	+12
41802	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.00	+2	+19
41803	G Southgate	Aston Villa	2.00	+2	+16
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41806	M Draper	Aston Villa	2.50	+2	+20
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41904	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	0.75	+1	+13
41905	J Pollock	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	+14
41906	B Robson	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
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42004	R Sneekes	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	+4
42005	M Patterson	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	+8
42006	N McDonald	Bolton Wanderers	0.25	0	0
42007	W Burnett	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0

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50101	A Shearer	Blackburn Rovers	10.00	+3	+31
50102	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	7.00	0	+6
50103	M Newell	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	+3	+5
50104	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+1
50201	E Cantona	Manchester United	7.50	+1	+5
50202	A Cole	Manchester United	7.00	+3	+10
50203	B McClair	Manchester United	3.00	+1	+6
50204	P Scholes	Manchester United	2.50	+1	+21
50301	B Roy	Nottingham Forest	6.00	+1	+18
50302	K Campbell	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	+5
50303	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50	+3	+15
50304	G Bull	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0
50305	A Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0	0
50401	R Fowler	Liverpool	8.00	+5	+29
50402	S Collymore	Liverpool	7.50	0	+9
50403	I Rush	Liverpool	3.00	+5	+11
50501	A Yeboah	Leeds United	7.50	+1	+27
50502	B Deane	Leeds United	2.50	+1	+8
50503	P Masinga	Leeds United	1.50	0	+1
50504	N Whelan	Leeds United	1.50	+1	+1
50505	J Forrester	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
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50602	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00	+1	+14
50603	P Kitson	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+2
50604	M Allen	Newcastle United	0.50	0	0
50701	E Sheringham	Tottenham Hotspur	6.00	+1	+25
50702	C Armstrong	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	+3	+11
50704	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	+1	+12
50801	K Gallen	Queens Park Rangers	4.50	+1	+6
50802	B Allen	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-1
50803	D Dichio	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	+18
50804	G Penrice	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0	-1
50901	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	4.00	+1	+13
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51403	M Boogers	West Ham United	2.00	0	-3
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51501	D Ferguson	Everton	6.00	0	+1
51502	D Amokachi	Everton	2.00	+1	+11
51503	P Rideout	Everton	3.00	+1	+17
51504	G Stuart	Everton	2.00	+1	+6
51505	S Barlow	Everton	0.75	0	0
51601	D Dublin	Coventry City	4.50	+2	+11
51602	P Ndlovu	Coventry City	4.00	0	+11
51605	N Lamptey	Coventry City	1.00	+1	+2
51701	U Rosler	Manchester City	5.50	+1	+11
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60601	K Keegan	Newcastle United	4.00	+1	+27
60701	G Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	+1	+13
60801	R Wilkins	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	+1	+3
60901	J Kinnear	Wimbledon	1.00	-1	+3
61001	D Merrington	Southampton	1.50	+3	+3
61101	G Hoddle	Chelsea	2.50	-1	+11
61201	B Rioch	Arsenal	3.50	0	+20
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61401	H Redknapp	West Ham United	1.00	+3	+9
61501	J Royle	Everton	2.00	-1	+3
61601	R Atkinson	Coventry	1.50	-1	+1
61701	A Ball	Manchester City	1.50	-1	-7
61801	B Little	Aston Villa	2.50	+3	+17
61901	B Robson	Middlesbrough	1.00	-1	+19
62001	R McFarland	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	-2

THE TIMES TODAY

TUESDAY OCTOBER 31 1995

NEWS

Forging a new entente cordiale

■ President Chirac and John Major sealed a new *entente cordiale* yesterday with a sweeping range of Anglo-French initiatives and a virtual declaration that "any enemy of yours is an enemy of mine".

The Prime Minister gave his most unequivocal backing yet for the French nuclear testing programme, while the president — referring to his host as "*Mon cher John*" — noted the "sea change" in British and French relations ..... **Pages 1, 12**

Rosemary West gives evidence

■ Rosemary West took centre stage at Winchester Crown Court to tell how she had been raped twice as a teenager, cut adrift by the mother she loved and duped into marrying an "evil" killer. She said that Frederick West had not allowed his family to enter the cellar at 25 Cromwell Street ..... **Pages 1, 4, 5**

Lottery winners

Individuals will be able to apply for National Lottery grants under a £100 million initiative to help people study, travel and improve their communities. Virginia Bottomley announced ..... **Page 1**

Korean war memory

The remains of a British soldier, listed as missing in action in the Korean War, were handed over by the North Koreans at Panmunjom ..... **Page 1**

Short apologises

Clare Short, the Shadow Transport Secretary, apologised for the trouble she had caused Tony Blair by calling for the legalisation of cannabis ..... **Page 1**

Spending deal

Hopes of a Cabinet deal over public spending were fading fast after ministers became trapped in new disputes over education and social security ..... **Page 2**

Army victory

The Salvation Army has scored a notable coup by recovering every penny of the £5.6 million that it lost to a sophisticated international swindle together with £3.2 million in interest ..... **Page 3**

Fishermen's appeal

Fishermen in Orkney condemned the illegal slaughter of 25 suckling seal pups but renewed calls for the Government to sanction a legal cull to protect fish and lobster stocks ..... **Page 6**

Artistic showcase

A derelict power station on the south bank of the Thames will be transformed into a world showcase for modern art, under the Tate Gallery project awarded £50 million ..... **Page 9**

Hanging row

A Tory MP defended remarks suggesting that he was prepared to see innocent people hang as the price for bringing back the death penalty ..... **Page 10**

Massacre ruling

The Dutch Government cleared its soldiers of blame over the massacre of thousands of Bosnian Muslims during the fall of Srebrenica last summer ..... **Page 12**

Quebec vote

Even the Hôtel de Parlement, the most visible symbol of Quebec nationalism, has lintels engraved with the letters VR ..... **Page 13**

Connolly action

Bernard Connolly, the British EU official who has been treated as a dissident by the European Commission since he was suspended after denouncing monetary union in a book, is taking action against the Commission in the European Court ..... **Page 14**

Army advance

The Sri Lankan Army is advancing on the town of Jaffna, headquarters of the Tamil Tigers, in some of the fiercest fighting of the 12-year civil war ..... **Page 15**

London honours the VC heroes

■ London paid its respects to 58 heroes of past conflicts — holders of the Victoria Cross and the George Cross — who laid a wreath at the Cenotaph. The veterans, who came from as far afield as Sarawak and Nepal, included Umrao Singh who is believed to have been instrumental in persuading John Major to increase VC pensions from £100 to £1,300 ..... **Page 3**

BRIAN SMITH



President Chirac and John Major with General Sir Michael Rose and General Betrand de Lapresle after a presentation of honours. Page 1

BUSINESS

Leeson: German authorities began preparations to send Nick Leeson back to Singapore after the former Barings merchant bank trader abruptly broke off his fight against extradition ..... **Page 25**

Airport sale: London City Airport has been sold to Dermot Desmond, former chairman of Aer Rianta which operates Dublin ..... **Page 25**

Training: The Government is to take the politically-risky step of comparing Britain's training and educational performance against international competitors and publishing the results ..... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 12.1 to 3510.0. Sterling's index was unchanged at 83.8 after a fall from $1.5800 to $1.5765 but a rise from DM2.2128 to DM2.2158 ..... **Page 28**

SPORT

National stadium: Wembley and Manchester are the front runners to be the venue of England's first national stadium for 73 years. The decision will be announced today ..... **Page 48**

Cricket: Devon Malcolm, the England bowler, has been told by the manager, Ray Illingworth, that he will need to work to secure a place in the Test side ..... **Page 48**

Racing: A former professional footballer from Macclesfield, has become the talk of Melbourne after performing a flawless hoax on the Victoria Racing Club ..... **Page 48**

Rugby: Warrington rugby league club have rejected an increased offer from Cardiff rugby union club for the services of Jonathan Davies ..... **Page 45**

ARTS

Big brothers' taste: A big new exhibition at the Hayward Gallery, *Art and Power*, examines how the great dictators of our century imposed their views on painters and sculptors ..... **Page 40**

Silent witness: Fascinating early documentaries have been screened at the Pordenone Festival of Silent Film in Italy ..... **Page 41**

Squeeze please: Pop veterans Squeeze delighted the packed Albert Hall with a concert that emphasised the old-fashioned virtues of strong tunes and lyrics ..... **Page 41**

In Noël's footsteps: Peter Greenwell, formerly Noël Coward's accompanist, now recalls the master in a one-man cabaret show ..... **Page 42**

Hard evidence: Researchers in London are developing a machine to predict whether a fractured tibia will heal naturally or whether a patient is destined for the operating table ..... **Page 16**

Idyllic friendship: James Gregory was Nelson Mandela's jailer for 20 years. R. W. Johnson meets the President's close friend ..... **Page 17**

Nigella Lawson: "Anyone who has ever met a politician out of uniform knows that once they've taken their boots off they can believe any number of things that their manifesto says they shouldn't" ..... **Page 17**

In a tangle: MPs have forced the Lord Chancellor to delay plans to protect unmarried women from violence. Sally Hughes on the danger of fast-track legislation ..... **Page 35**



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ FASHION
Iain R. Webb on the make-over of Selfridges into a shopper's dream

■ INTERFACE
Win a pair of BT videophone systems — complete with PCs and cameras

There is no mistaking Washington's strong preference for continued Canadian unity. Separation could complicate economic, political and human relations across the St Lawrence — *New York Times*

It is hard to see what French-Canadians can gain what they don't already have. Separation might look like a nice fantasy to some but more than likely it will turn out a nightmare to many — *Washington Times*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Undercover in the Philippines in order to bring paedophiles to justice: *Network First: Defender of the Children* (ITV, 10.40pm) **Review:** Peter Barnard on Paul Eddington's casual courage on *Face to Face* ..... **Page 47**

OPINION

Muffled silence

There has never been a greater need for transparency in the deliberations which will determine the future of the EU. If voices such as Bernard Connolly's are silenced, we will all be losers ..... **Page 19**

Future of a tense past

If the African National Congress has chosen to play to the electoral gallery, it has made a serious error: for the sake of a few votes, it has put a principle at risk ..... **Page 19**

In crossword country

Today, as it enters what it would describe as its 21st chiliad, it is far too late to stop or deplore the craze that has become an endearing national institution ..... **Page 19**

COLUMNS

LIBBY PURVES

The mood of the moment is such that whenever we are offered a soft escapist stupidity, we fall on it with a most un-British urgency. Look at the Rev Chris Brain's rave services. Look at the National Lottery, and how pathetically addicted we are already ..... **Page 18**

MAGNUS LINKLATER

If it ever came to a referendum on Europe, the arguments about economic isolation and the virtues of a larger union would be similar to those in Quebec ..... **Page 18**

PETER RIDDELL

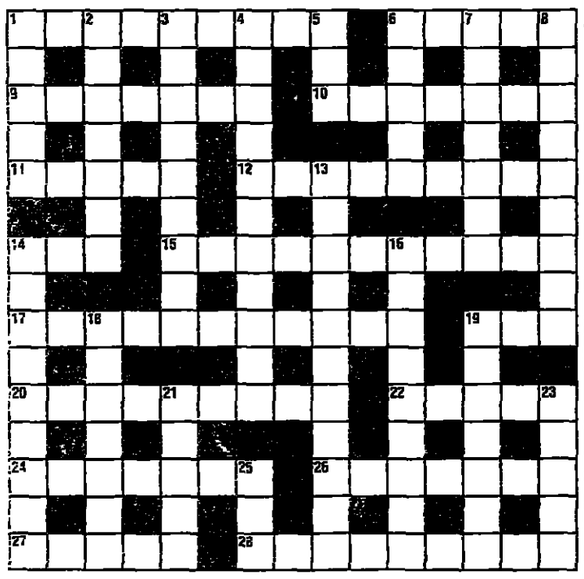
The Nolan inquiry's proposals on the outside interests of MPs have naturally attracted most public attention, but they are secondary to making the Commons more effective, and hence more respected by the public ..... **Page 10**

OBITUARIES

Captain George Phillips, wartime submarine commander; **Ian Greig**, founder of the Monday Club; **Michael Dutfield**, television producer; **Carleton Hetherington**, Secretary of the Association of County Councils ..... **Page 21**

Nato as peacekeeper; lottery dangers; farm subsidies ..... **Page 19**

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,000



ACROSS

1,6 This is it! (9,5).
1,9 Group of five detectable in solution (9,7).
10 Taken out of context, remedy is drastic (7,).
11 Correspond in a foreign language, mostly (5).
12 Continue to employ head after cut (9).
14 It often gets put in this machine (2).
15 Marine to beat by a small margin in race (11).
17 Times splitting clue is very odd, in roundabout fashion (11).
19 How to score with cricket side century as opener (3).
20 Can go wrong in rare error, showing overconfidence (9).
22 Home is where the heart is? Possibly (5).
24 Times long ago performing in singular fashion (4,3).
26 English girl absorbing Times leader in the country (7).
27 During holiday I take another paper (5).
28 Subsequently join side by side (9).

DOWN

1 Disciple in church – Eastern, note (5).
2 Short circular letter from abroad (7).
3 Exploding shell over here? Duck! (9).
4 Noticing a comment (11).
5 Very last bits of crossword you solve? Exactly (3).
6 Molly coddles a couple turning up for dance (1-4).
7 Individual with cutting of newspaper from the past (3-4).
8 Some deliveries made, passed on the way (9).
13 Each event I'm turning into a success (11).
14 Soldier last out of the island? That's right (9).
16 Poet's an easy-going type about unfinished set of verses (9).
18 Saloons, perhaps, in which heavyweight boxes (7).
19 Fancy headgear being worn, in pink (7).
21 Union hero gets financial support (5).
23 It's rash to take as leader an unknown quantity (5).
25 Fish found with sole in Billingsgate? (3).

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,999

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Mumbai (was Bangalore), 34C (93F); lowest day max: Shetland, Lerwick, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Stornoway, Outer Hebrides, 11.2mm; highest sunshine: Hastings, East Sussex, 9.1hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** early mist and fog will clear to give most of England and Wales a dry and warm day with some pleasant autumn sun. Later, northern parts will be cloudy, perhaps with a little drizzle.

Much of the north and Scotland will have a cloudy day with some rain or drizzle. The rain over northern Scotland will clear and it will turn brighter and fresher there.

Northern Ireland will also brighten in the afternoon and will feel warm.

☐ **London, E Anglia, E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales:** sunny spells after early mist. Wind southwest light. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **S E England, Central S England, Channel Isles, S W England:** sunny spells after early mist. Wind southeast to east, light. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **E England, N W England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England, N E England:** early mist, some sun, cloudy later. Wind southwest becoming west, light. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, S W Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll:** cloudy, rain or drizzle. Wind northwest, light. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Moray Firth, N E Scotland, N W Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** early rain, brighter later. Wind northwest, light. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **N Ireland:** bright spells developing but cloudy later. Wind southwest, light. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Outlook:** some cloud and showers in the east, mainly dry with sunny spells in the west.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

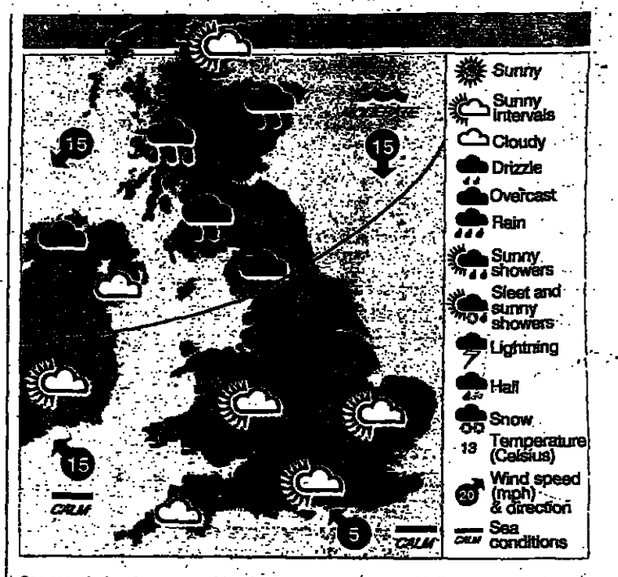
24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.04	12	54	c	Liverpool	0.9	0.02	14	57	c
Aberdeen	0.5	0.02	15	59	c	London	6.6	-	16	61	s
Aviemore	-	-	15	59	c	Lowestoft	7.3	-	14	57	s
Belfast	1.3	-	16	61	c	Manchester	0.7	-	15	59	s
Birmingham	4.1	-	16	61	s	Margate	5.2	-	15	59	s
Bognor R	5.4	-	16	61	s	Minehead	7.5	-	17	63	s
Bournem'th	5.7	-	16	61	s	Morecambe	-	-	14	57	c
Bristol	3.1	-	15	59	c	Newcastle	1.4	-	13	55	c
Buxton	0.7	-	15	59	c	Newquay	4.2	-	15	59	c
Cardiff	0.6	-	15	59	c	Norwich	7.5	-	15	59	s
Chichester	-	-	-	-	-	Nottingham	x	-	-	-	-
Colwyn Bay	1.1	0.04	16	61	c	Oxford	5.2	-	15	59	s
Cromer	5.9	-	14	57	s	Penzance	x	-	16	61	c
Dorchester	x	-	-	-	-	Plymouth	x	-	-	-	-
Dumbar	x	-	-	-	-	Poole	5.2	-	-	-	-
Eastbourne	6.6	-	14	57	s	Prestatyn	x	0.06	17	63	s
Edinburgh	1.6	0.20	14	57	s	Ross-o-wye	2.5	-	15	59	c
Eskdalemuir	1.1	0.16	11	52	c	Ryde	x	-	-	-	-
Exmouth	0.6	-	16	61	s	Salcombe	5.1	-	17	63	s
Falmouth	5.3	-	16	61	s	Sandown	5.1	-	15	59	s
Folkestone	6.8	-	14	57	s	Saunn Snd	6.2	-	13	55	s
Glasgow	x	-	-	-	-	Scarboro'	-	-	11	52	s
Guernsey	5.7	-	16	61	s	Shanklin	4.8	-	15	59	s
Hastings	9.1	-	16	61	s	Shawbury	4.4	-	14	57	s
Hayling I	7.3	-	16	61	s	Skegness	5.0	-	13	55	s
Herne Bay	7.3	-	16	61	s	Southend	6.3	-	15	59	s
Hove	x	-	16	61	s	Southport	0.5	-	15	59	c
Hunstanton	5.5	-	13	55	c	Southsea	6.6	-	16	61	s
Ilfracombe	x	-	-	-	-	St Ives	x	-	-	-	-
Isle of Man	-	0.01	15	59	c	Swanage	4.0	-	15	59	s
Jersey	2.3	-	16	61	s	Teignmouth	2.7	-	17	63	s
Kinloss	0.1	0.13	12	54	r	Tenby	x	-	-	-	-
Leeds	-	0.01	14	57	r	Tiree	-	0.04	14	57	sh
Lerwick	0.8	0.02	10	50	c	Torquay	2.2	-	16	61	s
Llandudno	0.1	0.05	15	59	c	Tynemouth	0.1	-	12	54	c
Lossiemouth	0.3	-	13	55	c	Ventnor	5.6	-	17	63	s
						West-s-mare	x	-	-	-	-
						Weymouth	-	-	15	59	c

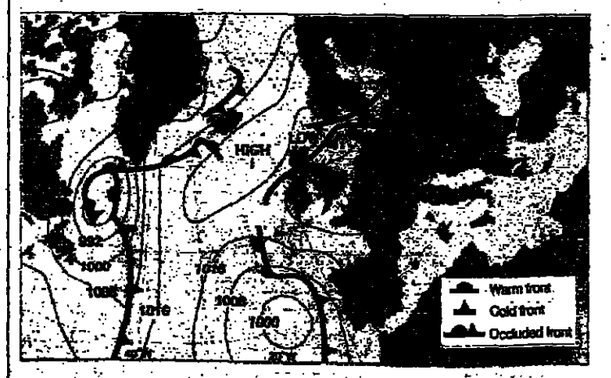
ABROAD

Ajaccio	19	66	s	Corfu	31	88	f	Madrid	19	66	s
Amster	11	52	f	Cp'hagn	11	52	f	Majorca	25	77	s
Alexdria	29	84	s	Dublin	14	57	r	Malaga	23	73	s
Algiers	23	73	s	Dubrovnik	15	64	r	Malta	24	75	s
Alicante	23	73	s	Faro	23	73	s	Melbrne	13	55	c
Athens	31	88	f	Florence	21	70	f	Mexico C			
B Aires	16	61	s	Frankfurt	12	54	f	Milan	15	59	sh
Bahrain	39	102	s	Funchal	22	72	f	Montreal	5	41	r
Bangkok	33	91	f	Geneva	16	61	f	Moscow	2	36	f
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	21	70	s	Munich	15	59	s
Barcelona	23	73	s	Helsinki	7	45	f	N Delhi	28	82	s
Beirut	29	84	s	Hong K	28	82	s	N York	14	57	f
Belgrade	18	64	s	Innsbruck	16	61	f	Nairobi	22	72	f
Berlin	13	55	c	Istanbul	17	63	f	Naples	22	72	s
Bermuda	25	77	s	Jeddah				Nice	23	73	s
Biarritz	19	66	f	Jo'burg	23	73	f	Oslo	4	39	f
Bordeaux	19	66	f	Karachi	34	93	f	Paris	19	66	s
Brussels	12	54	f	L Angels	29	84	s	Peking	13	55	s
Budapst	14	57	f	L Palmas	23	73	s	Perth	29	84	s
Cairo	31	88	s	Lo Tquat	19	66	s	Prague	12	54	c
Cape Tn	30	86	s	Lisbon	17	63	s	Reykjavik	2	36	f
Chi'church	16	61	f	Locarno	16	61	f	Rhodes	30	86	s
Chicago	11	52	c	Luxembg	12	54	c	Rio de J	18	64	f
Cologne	11	52	c	Luxor	31	88	s	Rio de J	18	64	f
								Rome	19	66	f
								S P'lago	12	55	c
								S Paulo	-	-	-
								Salzburg	17	63	c
								Santiago	25	77	s
								Seoul	16	61	s
								Sing'por	28	79	t
								St'kholm	4	39	f
								Strasb'rg	15	59	c
								Sydney	18	64	c
								Tangier	28	79	s
								Tel Aviv	34	75	s
								Tenerife	27	81	s
								Tokyo	22	72	s
								Toronto	7	45	f
								Tunis	29	84	s
								Valentia	23	73	s
								Vanc'ver	10	50	c
								Venice	18	61	c
								Vienna	11	52	fg
								Warsaw	7	45	f
								Wash'ton	12	54	f
								Wel'gton	16	61	
								Zurich	16	61	c

Temperatures at midday local time. x = not available



Changes below from noon: high I extends southwards with little pressure change as high L slips southeastwards and declines; low U slips eastwards and starts to fill



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6:22	6.12	7:12	6.17	Leith	7.56	4.95	8:18	4.88
Aberdeen	6:53	3.69	7:10	3.72	Liverpool	4:10	8.17	4.46	8.31
Avonmouth	-	-	0:20	10.78	Lowestoft	1:56	2.35	3:23	2.22
Belfast	4.22	3.02	4:43	3.14	Margate	4:46	4.24	5.41	4.20
Cardiff	-	-	0:09	9.77	Milford Haven	11:36	6.98	-	-
Devonport	10.57	4.85	11:43	4.64	Newquay	10:27	6.78	11 14	5.52
Dover	3:57	5.97	4:38	5.71	Oban	11:31	3.26	-	-
Dublin	5.08	3.70	5.23	3.90	Penzance	10:00	4.65	10.44	4.35
Falmouth	10:25	4.49	11:14	4.18	Portland	11:28	1.67	-	-
Glasgow	5:41	4.39	6:10	4.23	Portsmouth	4:24	4.28	4:48	4.07
Harwich	4.28	3.59	5.16	3.85	Shoreham	4:08	5.38	4:44	5.13
Holyhead	3.29	4.73	3:54	4.94	Southampton	3:51	4.05	4:22	3.97
Hull	11.35	6.27	11:51	6.34	Swansea	11:41	8.13	-	-
Ilfracombe	11:11	8.00	11:47	7.89	Tees	9.12	4.84	9:27	4.64
King's Lynn	11:26	5.67	11:58	5.78	W'ston-s-Mre	4:35	8.73	5.23	8.81

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Sun rises: 6.51 am
Sun sets: 4.36 pm
Moon sets:
Moon rises: 1.31 pm
Full moon November 7

London 4.36 pm to 6.38 am
Bristol 4.46 pm to 7.03 am
Edinburgh 4.36 pm to 7.19 am
Manchester 4.36 pm to 7.07 am
Penzance 5.01 pm to 7.17 am

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